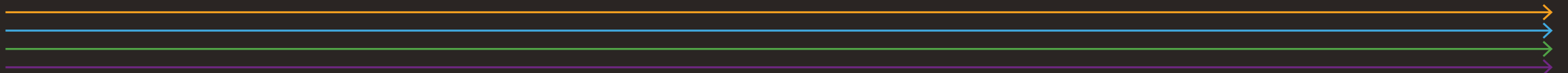


Board Member Offer
2019/20



Getting the most from your membership

Our members are best placed to achieve their ambitions if they have effective governance structures in place and as a sector, we owe it to those we serve to ensure we do.

Housing Associations in Wales attract skilled, passionate board members, who drive their businesses forward and make their communities better.

The businesses you represent are complex and the pressure on boards has never been greater.

Working with you, we have identified the key support that you need to do your job more effectively and our updated offer is a result of these conversations.

Your membership gives you the tools and resources you need, a platform to have your voice heard and a strong and supportive network to help you do your job even better.

Our offer outlines what board members can expect from their membership and also supports the recommendations in The Welsh Government's 'The Right Stuff: Improving Housing Association Governance in Wales'.

I encourage you to take full advantage of the benefits your membership provides, many of which we have highlighted below.

We are by your side to help you to be brilliant.



Stuart Ropke

Chief Executive, Community Housing Cymru



Our vision

**A Wales where good
housing is a basic
right for all.**



Our mission

**To enable Welsh
Housing Associations
to be brilliant.**

**Good
governance is
fundamental
to the success
of Housing
Associations
in Wales.”**



Our aim by 2022

- We will be regarded by members as an invaluable and highly effective membership body.
- We will be recognised and valued by stakeholders and use this platform to make the case for housing associations in Wales.
- We will harness the sector's appetite to do things differently.
- We will be the leading voice on housing issues in Wales.
- We will provide excellent member services which add value and makes it easier for members to do their job.
- We will be a financially sustainable organisation.

As a valued member, the benefits of membership are plentiful and fall under the following categories:

Influence →

Connect →

Support →

Inform →



***Our job is to influence
your environment.***

***This doesn't just
happen, we lobby
tirelessly for it.***



As a housing association board member, you play a key role in our influencing work to create a better environment for housing associations.

Our job is to ensure your voice is heard.

We've also set up a group solely for Chairs and Vice Chairs to actively support the sector's lobbying work and provide a space to horizon scan to identify future risks and opportunities.

The dates for these strategic delivery group meetings are:



June 3rd 2019



September 10th 2019



January 7th 2020



"I am confident that CHC is at the right tables and working to ensure the member voice is heard and acted upon"

- CHC Membership satisfaction survey 2018



Connecting with peers.

Grow your personal networks with other board members through quarterly networking events and informal pre-conference dinners.

These events will connect you with key influences and stakeholders, provide informal opportunities to network with peers, share experiences and support each other.

Giving you a voice.



Dates for 2019/20



5th June 2019

Hugh James, Cardiff
5:30 – 8:00pm



10th March 2020

Pre Conference Dinner
Governance



3rd September 2019

Hugh James, Cardiff
5:30 – 8:00pm



20th June 2019

Deganwy Quay, Conwy
5:30 – 8:00pm



3rd December 2019

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5:30 – 8:00pm



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Connecting you online



Webinars

We know how busy you are and that time is precious. The more we can do to connect you online the better. We will be running regular webinars to complement our work, gather your views and keep you updated.

[*sign up*](#)



Yammer!

You have access to a closed yammer network for board members and another one for Chairs. These groups are used to provide peer to peer learning and support, share good practice, signpost and update.

“This was a great way to get a lot of info in a short space of time - zero travel was a big plus and the opportunity to consider questions in advance worked really well.”



Support that matters.

Use your membership to develop your knowledge of the housing sector and take the opportunity to improve your skills and experience.

We're here for you!



CHC's Training and conferences are part of our board's induction & on-going development”

- CEO, CHC's membership satisfaction survey

Support



Governance training

Last year we launched our [Code of Governance](#) to support you to achieve excellent Governance. Whatever your experience, you can now benefit from our new training programme which will give you the tools, skills and confidence to govern well.



Peer support

We will run facilitated peer to peer action learning sessions in conjunction with the Centre for Mentoring and Learning.

We will also support you and your organisation through challenging times.

The trainer adapted the material as the course progressed through the two days. She showed a great deal of experience, with the ability to simplify concepts and what she covered was of direct relevance to our organisation”

- Company Secretary, Hafod



Knowledge is power.

By request, we will provide expert insight into your board meetings and board away days.

We will provide intelligence and updates on key policy and political issues. These will take the form of topical podcasts, webinars, briefings and seminars on business critical areas.





CHC acts as an additional team member to our business and provide specialist knowledge that we would otherwise have to employ”

- CHC Membership satisfaction survey 2018

Inform



Conferences

Our conference programme for board member centres around our Governance Conference in March and our Annual Conference in November.

We also run a number of other discipline specific conferences such as Finance, Communications and HR which are also suitable for board members.

[view events](#)



Quarterly Progress Report

Get quarterly reports on what we're achieving on your behalf. These reports highlight key areas of progress against the areas of work you've told us are important to you.

[view reports](#)

“My first attendance at this conference was a superb and very useful experience coming 6 months after joining a board.”

- Board member feedback, Governance Conference



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