



SAFE AS HOUSES



HOMELESSNESS, HEALTH AND A GLOBAL PANDEMIC



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Hello and the warmest welcome to our annual homelessness conference.

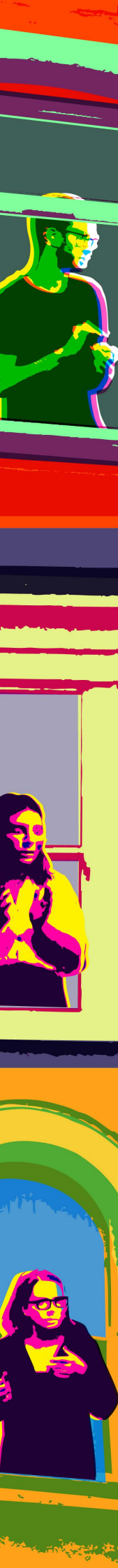
This is always a special day in the calendar for us and this year especially so. As we all continue to navigate the personal and professional challenges posed by a global pandemic, the links between housing and health – and the safety of ourselves and our community - have been laid bare. From the very start of lockdown, two urgent questions were posed: how can you stay at home if you don't have one? And how can you be safe at home if your house isn't safe?

Across the next three days we hope that you have the opportunity to reflect on the impact of the ongoing pandemic on housing and homelessness in Scotland. And importantly, to start building a shared understanding of how we can all move forward together.

We want to celebrate the extraordinary efforts across all areas – from colleagues on the frontline walking alongside people during the crisis, to policy makers shifting focus to protect people most at risk. But we also want to consider the aftermath and explore the challenges ahead – some new, some familiar – where we will need to sharpen our focus on housing supply and deepen our competence on inequality.

Please sit back and enjoy the next three days – or join in and participate.

Thank you all for joining us.



Safe As Houses

Homelessness, Health And A Global Pandemic

The transition to a rapid rehousing approach, now in its second year, was already the right direction toward ending homelessness in Scotland. It has also been described as providing the right platform for recovery from the pandemic. Building from that platform, Safe as Houses will explore five relevant themes:



A Global Pandemic

drawing out international learning and comparisons on responses to homelessness



Whatever The Problem, The Answer Is Relationships

exploring the role of relationships as the lynch-pin for professional and personal wellbeing



A Day In The Sun For Good Law And Policy

building from recent successes to ensure it is upheld on the ground every time and for every person



Same Storm, Different Boat

redressing the unfairness at the root of homelessness and the impact of the pandemic and its aftermath



If We Don't All Row, The Boat Won't Go

getting alongside each other – in all our different roles – to make a collective impact on homelessness






Theme 1

A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

A global response to homelessness continues during this pandemic, with different approaches and different results. This theme will explore the learning from different parts of the world and review how Scotland's response compared. And we'll be asking a panel of key international experts – what responses are you most impressed by, and which do you wish had been done differently?

DAY 1: TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER

<p>10.00</p> 	<p>Safe As Houses</p> <p>A welcome from the host and an introduction to 3 days of debate and deliberation.</p>	<p>Maggie Brunjes Chief Executive Homeless Network Scotland</p>
<p>10.30</p> 	<p>Getting it Finished...</p> <p>A new goal to eradicate all forms of homelessness in Finland by 2027. Be inspired by what's possible from the front-runners, and learn from some of Finland's challenges and failures too.</p>	<p>Juha Kaakinen Chief Executive Y-Saatio, Finland</p>
<p>11.00</p>  <p>12.30</p> <p>FINISH</p>	<p>What just happened?</p> <p>International learning on a rapid response to homelessness during a pandemic incident.</p> <p>What has impressed the panel, what's not – and how has Scotland's performance compared?</p>	<p>HOST: Maggie Brunjes</p> <p>Janine Kellett Head of Homelessness Scottish Government</p> <p>Dr Indu Prakash Singh City Makers Mission International and SLSMC, Delhi</p> <p>Freek Spinnewijn Director, FEANTSA</p> <p>Lydia Stazen Director Institute of Global Homelessness</p> <p>Louise Winterburn Deputy Chief Executive World Habitat</p>






Theme 2

WHATEVER THE PROBLEM, THE ANSWER IS RELATIONSHIPS

There are few things that matter more than love and relationships – all our lives are defined by it, for better or worse. This theme will explore the role of social connectedness as the lynch-pin for personal and professional wellbeing, and why ‘kindness’ is returning to the language of support. And we’ll be considering the damaging labels put on people because of support and services that are delivered in silos. And asking how far a stronger focus on social connectedness can really fix the big problems like access to money and housing?

DAY 1: TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER (pm)

<p>12.45</p> 	<p>Welcome from the Host</p> <p>An introduction to today’s conference theme.</p>	<p>Martin Gavin Head of External Relations Homeless Network Scotland</p>
<p>13.00</p> 	<p>The Heart of the Matter</p> <p>Walking alongside people going through tough times, building from trust, strengths and choices.</p>	<p>Pat McArdle Chief Executive Mayday Trust</p>
<p>13.30</p> 	<p>Flattening the Curve</p> <p>Senior and frontline colleagues in a shared learning session about how we can make choices based on connections and kindness - in an environment focused on targets and outcomes.</p>	<p>HOST: Martin Gavin</p> <p>Becky Elton Deputy CEO Changing Lives</p> <p>Alison Kennedy City of Edinburgh Council and Change Lead, All in For Change</p> <p>Janet MacKeller, Help (Argyll and Bute) Ltd and Change Lead, All in For Change</p> <p>Lorraine McGrath Chief Executive Simon Community Scotland</p>



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Theme 2

WHATEVER THE PROBLEM, THE ANSWER IS RELATIONSHIPS

DAY 1: TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER (pm)

15.00



Warm Winter Welcome

Scotland will have no dormitory style night shelters this winter - a huge step at a critical time. Hear directly from the sector leaders making this happen. And learn more about the alternative measures being put in place to make sure that *nobody* is alone this winter.

Ruth Longmuir

Rapid Re-accommodation
Welcome Centre Manager
Bethany Christian Trust

Charles Maasz

Chief Executive
Glasgow City Mission

16.00



As a' màraich?

Emerging From Lockdown into a New Paradigm

A self-reflection training event focusing on changes to homelessness services during lockdown and the opportunity to imagine a new landscape.

16.30

FINISH

Delegates will also receive a discount on a new training programme launched here.

Peter Anderson

Change Lead
Homeless Network Scotland



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Theme 3

A DAY IN THE SUN FOR GOOD LAW AND POLICY

Let's hear it for the policy writers, the strategy framers and the law makers! Many were unsung heroes of the moment, working rapidly to make substantial changes to law and policy to protect people most at risk of the pandemic and its consequences. But what now? This theme will explore how we build from these successes to ensure that good law and policy translates on the ground every time and for every person.

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER (am)

<p>9.45</p> 	<p>Welcome from the Host</p> <p>An introduction to today's conference theme.</p>	<p>Claire Frew Policy and Impact Manager Homeless Network Scotland</p>
<p>10.00</p> 	<p>Ministerial Address and Q&A</p>	<p>Kevin Stewart MSP Minister for Local Government Housing & Planning</p>
<p>10.30</p> 	<p>A Day in the Sun</p> <p>An expert briefing that will set the scene on recent and imminent law and policy changes to prevent and reduce homelessness.</p>	<p>Marion Gibbs Team Leader Scottish Government</p>
<p>11.00</p> 	<p>Through Different Lens</p> <p>Challenges and opportunities of good law and policy.</p> <p>What more can be done to make sure it works on the ground every time and for every person? Hear from sector leaders responsible for creating and regulating law and policy and those advocating for people's rights to be upheld.</p>	<p>Ian Brennan Director of Regulation Scottish Housing Regulator</p> <p>Professor Suzanne Fitzpatrick Director of ISPHERE Heriot-Watt University</p> <p>Aaliya Seyal Chief Executive Legal Services Agency</p> <p>Graham Thomson Team Leader Scottish Government</p> <p>Alison Watson Director Shelter Scotland</p>




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DAY 2: WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER (pm)

<p>12.30</p> 	<p>A Preferred Future for the Private Rented Sector</p> <p>Don't miss this launch of a new consultation on the role of the private rented sector as a solution to homelessness.</p> <p>13.00 This work is part of series of route-maps from the Everyone Home Collective.</p>	<p>Lucie Dunn Senior Best Practice Officer Crisis Scotland</p>
<p>13.15</p> 	<p>HARSAG Recommendations... Made Easy!</p> <p>Stop-watch set... 104 recommendations in 15-minutes.</p> <p>This speed training session is a must for busy people who want to know the bottom line. And a useful briefing ahead of the panel session that follows.</p>	
<p>13.30</p> 	<p>Rapid Rehousing Transition Plans: the Platform For Recovery</p> <p>The vision for Rapid Rehousing is a leaner, more efficient and cost-effective system that works better for people.</p> <p>RRTPS have also been described as the right platform for pandemic recovery – so what is the state of the nation?</p> <p>And when will RRTPs start to reap the rewards we all want?</p>	<p>HOST: Marion Gibbs Team Leader Scottish Government</p> <p>Olga Clayton Group Director for Housing and Care, Wheatley Group</p> <p>Clare Mailer Head of Housing Perth & Kinross Council</p> <p>John Mills Head of Housing Fife Council and Co-Chair, ALACHO</p> <p>Jon Sparkes Chief Executive Crisis and HARSAG Chair</p> <p>Sally Thomas Chief Executive SFHA</p>

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15.00



Taking the 'P' Out of Homelessness

How can we take the *politics* out of homelessness?
Ahead of the Scottish Parliament Elections in May, this seminar will debate a cross-party manifesto for ending homelessness in Scotland.

16.30

FINISH

Questions to representatives from the main Scottish political parties will be posed by the Everyone Home Collective, the All in For Change Team - and by you.

Seminar chaired by
Sir Andrew Cubie

Caron Lindsay
*Spokesperson on
Housing & Social Justice*

Liberal Democrats

Pauline McNeill, MSP
Scottish Labour

Shona Robison
*Convener of the Social Justice
and Fairness Commission,
Member of the Social Security,
Justice and Covid-19 committee*
Scottish National Party

Graham Simpson MSP
*Scottish Conservative
and Unionist Party*





Andy Wightman MSP
Scottish Green Party



SAME STORM, DIFFERENT BOAT

The risk and impact of homelessness is not distributed equally or in the same ways. Some groups of people are more affected by, overrepresented in, or excluded from the homelessness system. This theme will explore how homelessness discriminates in the same way as the pandemic and its consequences, how this health, social and economic inequality affects us all – and what levers we can pull to increase equality and advocate for a fairer society for all of us.

DAY 3: THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER

<p>10.00</p> 	<p>Welcome from the Host</p> <p>An introduction to today’s conference theme</p>	<p>Michelle Major Change Lead Homeless Network Scotland</p>
<p>10.15</p> 	<p>Turning to One Another</p> <p>A spoken extract from a poem by Meg Wheatley. Meg is a best-selling author of nine books, from the classic Leadership and the New Science in 1992 to her newest book (June 2017) Who Do We Choose To Be? Facing Reality, Claiming Leadership, Restoring Sanity. margaretwheatley.com</p>	<p>Meg Wheatley</p>
<p>10.30</p> 	<p>Homelessness is <i>always</i> a public health emergency</p> <p>But we didn’t always act like it. With the pandemic shining a light on health and home, hear more about the importance of joined up working across housing and health, what gets in the way — and take away with you some future-facing practice examples.</p>	<p>Ruth Robin Portfolio Lead (Place, Home & Housing) NHS Healthcare Improvement Scotland</p>
<p>11.00</p> 	<p>Ending Destitution and Protecting Human Rights</p> <p>What NRPF is - and why it hurts. Hear more who it affects and under which circumstances. And participate in the launch of a new route-map that sets out a new future for this issue and the people it affects in Scotland.</p>	<p>Eloise Nutbrown Policy Manager COSLA</p>



SAME STORM, DIFFERENT BOAT

DAY 3: THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER

11.30

Safe Moorings



More equal societies have less homelessness.

What will it take to create safety and equality in Scotland?

12.30

What is positive that we can we build from, and what is getting in the way?

FINISH

HOST: Michelle Major

Deborah Hay

Policy & Partnerships Manager
Joseph Rowntree Foundation

Pam Hunter

Chief Executive
Say Women

Peter Kelly

Director
Poverty Alliance

Elodie Mignard

Programme Manager
Scottish Refugee Council
and
Homeless Network Scotland
Board

Ruth Whatling

Team Leader
Scottish Government






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IF WE DON'T ALL ROW, THE BOAT WON'T GO!

Scotland has corrected its course to resolve homelessness with a new method, a national plan and 32 local plans. The new direction that all partners are now navigating promises better and more cost-effective results. But change is hardest at the start, messiest in the middle – and best at the end! This theme will explore how we each find our role to make a collective impact on homelessness. And consider the perceptions of wider society and its role in preventing homelessness before it happens. What's your role?

DAY 3: THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER





<p>12.45</p> 	<p>Welcome from the Host</p> <p>An introduction to today's conference theme and platform</p>	<p>Graham Lamont Business & Learning Development Manager Homeless Network Scotland</p>
	<p>The Shame Game: overturning the toxic poverty narrative</p> <p>A spoken extract from a new book by award-winning journalist and author Mary O'Hara. It asks how we can overturn the deep-rooted portrayal that poverty is caused by personal flaws or 'bad life decisions' rather than policy choices or economic inequality.</p> <p><i>Delegates will receive a book discount.</i></p>	<p>Mary O'Hara</p>
<p>13.00</p> 	<p>All Homelessness Starts in a Community</p> <p>How framing of homelessness and public perceptions have changed since COVID-19.</p> <p>And what can we harness to prevent homelessness in the first place?</p>	<p>HOST: Carolyn Sawers Deputy Chief Executive Corra Foundation</p> <p>Catherine Ashford Strategic Communications Project Manager, Crisis</p> <p>Fiona Garven Director, Scottish Community Development Centre</p> <p>Hannah Green Lived Experiences Specialist Centre for Homelessness Impact</p> <p>Twimukye Mushaka Senior Fieldwork Development Officer, Poverty Alliance</p>

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<p>14.30</p> 	<p>Shared Spaces The Future Role of Supported Housing Providers</p> <p>Launch of important new research to capture the scale and type that is needed in Scotland, within a culture that remains open to choice, options and rights.</p>	<p>Dr Beth Watts Senior Research Fellow Heriot-Watt University</p>
<p>15.00</p> 	<p>All in For Change</p> <p>An inspiring group of people with personal and frontline experience of homelessness in Scotland. They are preparing something special for the conference... and invite you to join them!</p>	<p>Viki Fox Sabrina Galella David Pentland Joyce Juma Phiri</p>
<p>15.30</p>  	<p>We Are All In: toward a new culture of collective leadership and impact</p> <p>Ending homelessness in Scotland is possible if we work together on what works and what matters. What can we learn from those reaching across sectors and professional boundaries to make a collective impact? This session will share some thoughts and ideas from the Everyone Home Collective, Scotland's Housing First Pathfinder, the Glasgow Alliance to End Homelessness - and invite your ideas too.</p>	<p>Maggie Brunjes Chief Executive Homeless Network Scotland</p>

With thanks to our special video stars

Pat Coltart
GCHSCP

Shelly Coyne
Cyrenians

Viki Fox
AIFC and Cyrenians

Sabrina Galella
Rock Trust

Doug Gibson
Homeless Network Scotland

Allan Jones
Aberdeenshire Council

Janine Kellett
Scottish Government

Eleanor Lee
GCHSCP

Pauline Lunn
Ypeople/GAEH

Ricky McAddock
Street Connect

Jim McBride
GCHSCP

Andrew McCall
Salvation Army/GAEH

Patrick Mckay
Turning Point Scotland

Gerry Milne
Sacro/GAEH

Una Munro
Mungo Foundation/GAEH

David Pentland
GAEH

Laura Pluck
Wheatley Care/GAEH

Celeste Singleton
GAEH

Graham Thomson
Scottish Government

Vic Walker
Crossreach/GAEH

Beth Watts
Heriot-Watt University



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DAY 3: THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER

16.00



If we don't all row, the boat won't go!

A goodbye story

Ishbel Smith

Founder

Heart in Mouth

16.30

FINISH

With thanks to the speakers and live lounge guests — we always learning something new from you. And thank YOU for taking the time to share your knowledge, insight and experience.

Please Note

All times are in GMT

Conference timings and speakers are subject to change