



# THE BIG CONVERSATION



Chartered Institute of Housing

## THE BIG CONVERSATION 2018 HORIZON, LEEDS | PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY 23 MAY

09:30 DELEGATE REGISTRATION AND EXHIBITION VIEWING

09:30 WELCOME AND ICEBREAKER

*Geraldine Howley, group chief executive, Incommunities*

What is your ideal home and what does it represent? Geraldine Howley welcomes you, and the unique perspective and energy that you bring to the **big conversation 2018!**

09:45 OUR HORIZON: WHAT'S IN STORE?

*Gavin Smart, deputy chief executive, Chartered Institute of Housing*

Gavin will provide an overview of the most pressing policy issues affecting our sector and CIH's views on where we should go from here.

10:05 OUR HORIZON: PANEL DISCUSSION

*Gavin Smart, deputy chief executive, Chartered Institute of Housing*

*Jim Strang, chief executive, Parkhead Housing Association and vice president of CIH*

*Penny Gilyard, executive director of resources, Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing*

Gavin will be joined by two other senior leaders for a question and answer session.

10:30 REFRESHMENTS

10:45 BREAKOUT SESSIONS: PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONFIDENCE

Choose between:

- Using drama skills to promote your best self and to build your professional network- Steve Halliday, actor (credits include I, Daniel Blake) .
- Using social media to promote your personal brand - Joel Sampson, sales manager, Resource.
- Using art to cope with adversity and build confidence in our lives - David Tovey, artist and homelessness activist.

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### 11:30 IN THE FISHBOWL: MY CAREER STORY

An informal and participative session in which a selection of housing professionals take questions about their housing careers.

### 12:15 LUNCH

Including viewing of a Nigel Tooby art installation on homelessness. Nigel is currently Artist in Residence for Simon on the Streets, a charity which supports rough sleepers.



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### 13:15 'UNCONFERENCE' SESSIONS

A chance to discuss issues suggested by conference attendees in small groups. There is no pre-planned agenda for these discussions, come prepared to talk about whatever you like with like-minded professionals.

### 14:15 PEER MENTORING EXCHANGE

*Trevor Smith, GEM programme director*

Share your unique experience and expertise with colleagues who need your help.... and take your chance to receive their help too.

### 15:00 REFRESHMENTS

### 15:15 THE VITAL ROLE OF HOUSING IN TACKLING DOMESTIC ABUSE

*Jim Strang*, chief executive, Parkhead Housing Association and vice president of CIH  
*Kelly Henderson*, co-founder, Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance

Jim will discuss why he has chosen tackling domestic abuse as the theme for his upcoming presidential year and Kelly will talk about the ways in which front line housing staff can support efforts to tackle abuse in their communities.

### 15:45 CALL TO ACTION

*David Tovey*  
*Charlotte Senior, GEM Programme Cohort 9*  
*Jessica Quinn, GEM Programme Cohort 10*

David will wrap up the day and encourage delegates to reflect on what they can do to make a difference in their own organisations. Participants from the GEM programme will share some examples of their own approaches.

### 16:30 NETWORKING DRINKS