

Young People

Housing options and support



12 September 2017, Birmingham

Programme

9:30	Registration and refreshments
10:00	Chair's welcome and introduction Jean Templeton, chief executive, St Basils
10:15	Housing options and solutions for young people Faye Greaves, policy and practice officer, Chartered Institute of Housing This session will address the current housing options and solutions available for young people and also look ahead to what the housing system will be like for young people in 2020.
10:45	Giving young people a place to call home Jennifer Harris, research officer, Homeless Link This session will begin by outlining some of the key housing challenges young people are currently facing. Jennifer will then present findings from three in-depth case studies carried out with providers and young people, and share information from Homeless Link's annual national study on youth homelessness. By highlighting best practice and innovative approaches in supporting young homeless people, this session will discuss how providers can help young people secure a better future and a place to call home.
11:15	Refreshments
11:45	Service, design and delivery – getting it right for young people National Youth Reference Group The National Youth Reference Group will share their experiences of being homeless and also explain what means the most to them in terms of help and support.
12:30	Lunch
13:15	Housing benefit for under 35s – the shared accommodation rate Paul Noblet, head of public affairs, Centrepont Paul will provide an update on the housing benefit for under 35s and also discuss the recent changes to 18-21 year olds entitlement to housing costs through Universal Credit and share an insight into the impacts of this change.
13:45	Developing a shared accommodation offer for under 35s Katri Wilson, assistant director care and support and community development, Origin Housing The extension of local housing allowance rates to the social sector will leave many young people unable to find any affordable housing options in their area. As a result many organisations are now considering developing a new offer, based around shared accommodation for younger tenants. Origin will share their experiences of managing this kind of accommodation during this session.

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14:15	Refreshments
14:40	Providing accommodation which enables young people to sustain education, training and employment Edward Lowe, policy and communications coordinator, Commonweal Housing Ltd This session will explain how to help vulnerable young people into accommodation, education and employment. Edward will also share best practice about the Peer Landlord programme a scheme offering support and help to the most vulnerable.
15:10	Psychologically informed environment Ray Middleton, Fulfilling Lives The last session of the event will to introduce the Five Key Elements of Psychologically Informed Environments.
15:50	Close of event

**Programme and speakers are subject to minor changes*