

Young People

Housing options and support



7 September 2017, CIH London Office

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 During this session Jennifer will address the housing challenges young people are currently facing and discuss how providers can help provide a better future for homeless young people. Jennifer will also share information on the HomelessLink national study which uses a mixed-method approach to explore the scale and profile of youth homelessness and the ways in which Local Authorities and the voluntary sector are responding to the issue.
11:15	Refreshments
11:45	Service, design and delivery – getting it right for young people Tamzin Taylor-Rosser, 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 Jennifer Barnes, Senior Researcher, Centrepoint Jennifer 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, 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
14:30	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 'Freedom2Work' 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

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