

Focus on Influencing Scotland



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What we've been doing

Existing Homes Alliance Scotland manifesto launch

CIH Scotland is a member of the Existing Homes Alliance Scotland (ExHAS) a coalition of organisations calling for urgent action and increased investment to ensure that homes across all tenures are energy efficient and fit for purpose. It is vital that we invest in housing to reduce fuel poverty and meet ambitious climate change targets. The ExHAS manifesto sets out the actions needed over the next Parliamentary term to ensure we are on track.

You can download the manifesto [here](#).

Influencing

CIH Scotland responds to consultation on the suspension of local connection referrals

Currently, if a homeless household presents in a local authority area where they do not have a connection, the local authority can refer them back to another area where they do have a connection. The Scottish Government has confirmed that they intend to suspend this power for all local authorities in Scotland.

You can read our response to the consultation [here](#).



In the media

Letting agents, are you up to date with training requirements?

In this [blog](#), Ashley Campbell, Policy and practice manager sets out requirements for mandatory training and qualifications for letting agents approaching the deadline for renewing their registration.

CIH Scotland welcomes new Board members

Two new Board members have been appointed to support the work of CIH Scotland. You can read about the appointments [here](#).

Meet the Malcolm Smith Award winner 2020

The Malcolm Smith prize is awarded for the best piece of work focusing on housing law or policy during the last academic year by a student in Scotland, studying up to MSc level. Read more about this year's winner [here](#).

One year on from the launch of the Housing and Dementia Framework

The Housing and Dementia Framework was published by CIH Scotland, Healthcare Improvement Scotland and Alzheimer Scotland in 2019 to help housing organisations think about how they can support people to live well with dementia. You can find out more [here](#).



What's coming up

While some of our physical events have had to be postponed due to COVID-19, we have been busy developing a range of online conferences, webinars and training to keep you up to date with the latest developments.

Events

The Big Conversation, 3 December
9.30am-2.30pm

This year, [The Big Conversation](#) goes virtual, giving us an opportunity to come together during the COVID-19 pandemic to consider a new world, new careers, new mindsets and new approaches.

Join young and upcoming housing professionals from across the sector to discuss the housing questions that are most important to you.

The event will give you a chance to:

- Develop your career aspirations and ambitions
- Hear from other young housing professionals on the challenges they have faced and how they have overcome these
- Discuss new approaches to engaging with our tenants
- Discover how our conscious and unconscious perceptions influence the way we view and act upon events and how to expand our mindset



Scotland Housing Awards, 04 February 2021,
3:00pm - 5:00pm

The awards are back as a free virtual event for 2021. The past year has been monumentally challenging for all of us. However, across this difficult period, the housing sector has pulled together to overcome enormous challenges and obstacles, continuing to deliver vital services and support to communities throughout the nation. We want to celebrate all of the hard work that has gone into keeping the housing sector going over the last year. Find out more about the awards and how to apply [here](#).



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