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What's coming up?

Dementia Think Tank Event

Wednesday 12th February 2020, Aberdeen Town House, Broad St, Aberdeen AB10 1AR

Duration: 1pm - 3pm

Free for CIH members.

Join us to learn more about our new Housing and Dementia Framework created in partnership with the Place, Home and Housing portfolio of Healthcare Improvement Scotland's

Improvement Hub (ihub) and Alzheimer Scotland. Find out how the framework can help your organisation identify the actions you are already taking to support people with dementia or where you can improve. You will also hear from Aberdeen City Council about their experience of using the Framework in practice.

For more information and to register, please click [here](#).

Scotland's Housing Festival

3 - 4 March 2020, EICC, Edinburgh

Scotland's biggest housing event returns to Edinburgh's EICC in 2020 with even more thought-provoking, inspiring and educational content. Bringing you expert keynotes, top level debate, hands-on knowledge and innovation, and focused on the big issues in the sector today, we will be aiming to provide something that suits everyone, whether strategic, operational or inspirational. [Find out more and book your place here](#)



What we've been doing

The Big Conversation

On November 6th we held our Big Conversation event in Glasgow sponsored by the Wheatley Group. We brought together professionals from across the housing sector and at various points in their careers to discuss issues within the housing sector and ways in which we can improve our practice and experiences in the sector.

We would like to thank everyone for their support and for coming along, and we hope to see you again at The Big Conversation 2020!

To view tweets from the day, search [#tbcs2019](#) on Twitter.



The Excellence Awards

On the 25th October 2019 we held the CIH Excellence Awards. With over 400 attendees and 18 categories, it was a fantastic night celebrating good practice within the housing sector. Thank you to all who came along and congratulations again to everyone who was shortlisted.

The awards were not just about celebrating good practice, but also disseminating that practice to the rest of the sector. Therefore, we have released our Good Practice Compendium, documenting examples of excellent practice.

View the Compendium [here](#).



Articles

Housing priorities for the new year

In our latest blog, CIH Scotland Policy and practice manager, Ashley Campbell takes a look at where we are at the beginning of the new year and what 2020 might have in store for the housing sector. See the blog [here](#).

We know how to end homelessness, so why haven't we done so already?

Our Policy and practice officer Jenny Galbraith was featured in The Herald last week. She reflects on homelessness in Scotland in light of the recent legislative changes and discusses the measures Scotland can take to end homelessness as we move into 2020. See the article [here](#).

Make 2020 the year that we commit to long-term affordable housing

Our director Callum Chomczuk was featured The Herald. His piece focused on housing supply in Scotland within the context of the upcoming general election, arguing that we need long-term commitment from our parliamentarians to build the houses that the country requires.

View the article on The Herald's website [here](#), or view it on CIH's website [here](#).

Frozen Out - Scotland

With the release of CIH [Frozen Out report](#) giving an overview of affordability for private renters within the UK, CIH Scotland's Policy and practice officer, Jenny Galbraith has produced a short blog digging deeper into affordability for private renters in the Scottish context. View the blog [here](#).

Research, tools and practice guidance

New briefing series: Homes not Houses

We know that good quality homes and services play a key role in building communities, improving health and wellbeing and supporting people to reach their full potential. In this new series of briefings linked to CIH Scotland's Housing Festival themes we will take a more in depth look at how good quality homes are at the heart of everything we are trying to achieve as a country from reducing inequalities to supporting our ageing population and tackling climate change. See our Housing and Poverty briefing [here](#).

See our Housing and Ageing briefing [here](#):

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