

Focus on Influencing Scotland



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What we've been doing

New report launch: Housing education in Scotland

Housing impacts on all of our lives and provides vital services to communities across Scotland.

The Chartered Institute of Housing works with partners including colleges and universities to deliver a range of training and qualifications to ensure that housing practitioners have the skills they need to provide the very best housing services from frontline service delivery to strategy, policy and research – all of which are vital to achieving Scottish Government ambitions to reduce homelessness, poverty and inequality while improving people's quality of life, health and wellbeing.

While we know that housing qualifications are valued by staff and employers, they are not mandatory for all housing staff and we wanted to better understand how people access housing education and if there are any barriers to doing so. Our new report published on 15 October outlines some practical steps that can be taken to improve access to housing education.

You can find out more and read the report [here](#).

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CIH Scotland responds to call for evidence on the impact of Covid-19

Responding to the Social Security Committee's call for evidence on the impact of COVID-19 and what more can be done to support people in Scotland, CIH Scotland has raised concerns about the increased risk of eviction and homelessness as the UK Government's job retention scheme comes to a close at the end of October.

Read the press release [here](#). And the submission [here](#).

CIH Scotland welcomes regulation of short term lets

The Scottish Government has set out plans for the regulation of short term lets including a nation wide licencing scheme and discretionary powers for local authorities to apply for control areas to be designated in specific locations if they think that further restrictions might be required. Where a control area is designated, planning permission would be required for a residential property to be converted into a short term let. Read the press release [here](#). And the submission [here](#).

In the media

CIH Scotland commends new legislative proposals to protect victims of domestic abuse

In response to the Scottish Government introducing its Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Bill, CIH Scotland has commented on the [legislation](#).

Ending Homelessness Together: Blog from the Housing Minister, Kevin Stewart MSP

Ahead of the CIH Homelessness Summit the minister for local government, housing and planning Kevin Stewart MSP wrote a blog for CIH Setting out the [progress](#) made in ending homelessness in Scotland.



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

**Scotland's Housing Leaders Exchange,
28 October 1:45pm - 5:00pm**

New challenges need new solutions, new thinking, new ways of working. As organisations and teams work flat-out to respond to the ever-changing demands of the current pandemic alongside a rapidly changing social and economic environment, an investment into the future of leadership in housing is becoming increasingly important.

This new online event is free for CIH members.

View the programme and book your place [here](#).

**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



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