



an Alternative Housing Strategy for Scotland

A DAY'S SYMPOSIUM

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**Conference Room, David Hume Tower
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Those who have been working on housing - or trying to find somewhere to live – have long known that we have a housing crisis; but now, suddenly, everyone is talking about it. And with a new Scottish government putting together a new housing green paper later this autumn, we need a serious debate on the issue, which is prepared to ask some fundamental questions. We will hear papers from academics who have been taking a critical look at the nature and impacts of housing policy both within and outwith Scotland, and from the Scottish Executive (Department of Communities and Sport); and the day will end with a round table discussion that brings together academics, policy makers and housing activists.

Draft programme:

9.00 – 9.30 registration and coffee

9.30 – 10.45 Sarah Glynn, University of Edinburgh (An Alternative Housing Strategy for Scotland?), William Fleming, Scottish Government (The Future of Social Housing: the new governments' perspective), David Manley, University of St Andrews (Mixing Tenures – in search of Scottish evidence)

10.45 – 11.15 coffee

11.15 – 12.30 Andrew Field, SFHA (View from the SFHA), Peter Ambrose, University of Brighton (The Real Meaning of Affordability), John Bone, University of Aberdeen (On the Treadmill)

12.30 – 1.30 lunch

1.30 – 2.45 Hilary Thomson, MRC Glasgow (Healthy Housing Investment in Scotland), Andrew MacLaran, Trinity College Dublin (The Impact of Recent Changes in the Irish Housing System), Stuart Cameron, University of Newcastle (The Changing Face of Housing Market Renewal in England)

2.45 – 3.15 tea

3.15 – 5.00 round table discussion

There will be opportunity for further discussion with drinks afterwards, and it is also hoped that participants will want to join the speakers for a restaurant dinner.

All main speakers will be asked to keep their presentation to a maximum of 15-20 minutes to allow time for questions and discussion. The final round table discussion will give an opportunity to raise issues not previously covered, with everyone being given an opportunity to speak. Participants will be asked to book, and numbers will be kept to no more than 40 in the interests of debate.

All speakers will be asked to submit a written version of their paper, which, along with a summary report of the discussion, will be put on the Institute of Geography Website as a more permanent record and resource for policy makers.

Thanks to the sponsors there will be no cost for this event

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