

Programme

HQN annual conference 2018: 12 months later – can we go from disaster to pride?

Tuesday 17 July 2018, 30 Euston Square, London

It's one year on from the Grenfell Tower disaster. But what has actually changed? In the aftermath of the fire, politicians promised a sea change in the way this country looked at social housing and the people who live in it. Likewise, our own sector leaders promised to make tenants feel safe in their homes. Lessons would be learned, money would be invested. We all said 'never again'.

But hand on heart can we really say that a tragedy like this won't be repeated? Are all our homes now safe? Have we put a stop to the stigma surrounding tenants? Or are we slipping down the agenda as politicians squabble over Brexit?

This year's HQN annual conference will cover all of that and more. It's timely too. There is a desperate thirst for new ideas – we'll try and quench it.

09:30 Registration and refreshments

10:15 Chair's welcome and introduction
Alistair McIntosh, HQN

10:30 After the fire: reflections on Grenfell
The Revd Dr Alan Everett, Parish of St Clement Notting Dale and St James Norlands

11:00 The Labour vision for housing
Melanie Onn, Shadow Housing Minister

11:30 Refreshments and networking

11:45 The future of social housing regulation in the post-Grenfell climate
Jonathan Walters, RSH

12:15 Preparing for a new era of council house building
Dr Tim Brown, De Montfort University and Simon Latham, London Borough of Sutton

13:00 Lunch

14:00 The tenant voice after Grenfell – what has actually changed?
Leslie Channon, A Voice for Tenants

14:20 The tenant voice after Grenfell – panel discussion
Leslie Channon, A Voice for Tenants, Keith Edwards, HQN and Rob Gershon, HQN

15:00 Health and safety in the post-Grenfell era
Steve Pettitt, L&Q

15:30 The use of fixed term tenancies in the social housing sector – exclusive research launch
Dr Beth Watts, Heriot-Watt University

16:00 Chair's closing remarks
Alistair McIntosh, HQN