

# Programme



## **The Housing Management Network annual conference 2021 – supporting and engaging with young people Tuesday 23 November 2021**

This year's housing management annual conference will explore the role housing management teams can play to support the next generation.

The next generation face unprecedented challenges, especially those children and young people for whom life was difficult before the pandemic hit.

There is a whole host of evidence indicating the pandemic has disproportionately impacted children and young people in several key areas, including housing, homelessness, employment, education, and mental health.

Research from charity Young Minds found that close to 70% of young people believed the pandemic would have a long-term negative effect on their mental health.

The housing sector – and in particular housing management teams – has a responsibility to work with partner organisations to minimise the impact of the pandemic on children and young people and create opportunities for them to have a brighter future.

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EVENTS

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**10:00** Chair's welcome and introduction  
**Angela Gascoigne, CEO, SHAL**

**10:30** The Future Generations Act in Wales – Practical tips for the challenges posed by organisational culture and behavioural change

**11:00** Coordinated Community Support – improving access to financial crisis support for families – A multi-partnership approach

**11:30** Panel discussion on the mental health of young people

**12:00 Lunch**

**12:30** Safeguarding – Training front line staff to spot the signs of domestic abuse  
**Dr Kelly Henderson in partnership with Morgan Sindall**

**13:00** Panel discussion on child exploitation and county lines – How can housing professionals help?

**13:30** Positive footprints – Award winning, career led personal development programmes for young people – Housing as a career path

**14:00 Break**

**14:15** Tenancy sustainment - Care leavers pledge  
**Charlie Norman, CEO, MSV**

**14:45** Successful engagement with children and young people and the new Youth Council – Integration into the governance structure and Board  
**Keren Miller, Head of community engagement at resident led Phoenix Community Housing Association**

**15:15** Young People's panel session

**15:45** Closing remarks from the Chair

**16:00 Close**