



HDN Autumn Conference - book your place now!

Less than two months to go now friends; it's been a long time coming, and we've been planning and hoping since this time last year... and now we can all meet again on Monday 18th October in Birmingham.

Preparations for the HDN Autumn Conference are well underway, and we can't wait to see you all again...in person! Over the past 18 months we've held two virtual conferences and have been wowed by the support, response and spectacular contributions made by our mentors, mentees and associates. So now we are buzzing in anticipation of the chance to meet everyone again, face to face, and have a great day of networking, our usual lively debate and to inspire each other as we always do.

The Clayton Hotel is the venue where we'll be joined by our principal sponsors [Riverside Housing](#), and the day will be hosted by the brilliant Joanne Lockwood, famed for her always entertaining and enlightening style, showcased every time she presents, and in every podcast on her Inclusion Bites Spotlight. You can hear Joanne too when she spoke to Stuart on the eighth of HDN's first series of podcasts, out last week and available to listen to on [Spotify](#), [Google Podcast](#) and [Apple Podcasts](#).

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Joanna Lockwood
CHAIR SPEAKER

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The conference will include key-note speakers, break-out panels on a wide range of ED&I subjects, some wizzy interactive sessions and plenty of time to meet old friends and new.

With the help of [Riverside](#) we aim to make this a day to remember, and we'd love to see you all, swap our news and have a great time.

And hey, if you can't wait to see us until October, and you're in and around the North West on September 8th, why not pop in and say hello at our Networking Mixer at etc venues on Portland Street in Manchester. We're there to attend the CIH conference and are hosting our own drinks and nibbles reception between 4-30 and 6-30.

So embrace the conference fever, folks and get booking at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/Leadingthechange>

For all our events, click here:

<https://www.housingdiversitynetwork.co.uk/events>

What do you know about neurodiversity?

In our recent video presentation to the HDN board, our clued up research and policy guy, Josh Neary-Pegler, suggested we talk more about



neurodiversity, and he has a good point. A neurodivergent individual is hard to spot, but the way they may think and learn, in different ways to others, can lead to exclusion.

Neurodiversity has a wide spectrum covering a range of conditions such as Autism, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia and Tourette's. Neurodiverse people might find their condition means they are better at some things, but often they need practical and emotional support to help them cope in work and social situations.

Josh has been leading HDN's new Health and Wellbeing group, alongside Fran Stulberg from [Riverside Group](#), and that's just one forum where this under-the-radar section of society can find support and understanding.

Next Health and Wellbeing Network Session for HDN Members, [Click here](#)

HDN Events



Northern Diversity Group

Tuesday 14th September
11:00 am to 12:30 pm

Regional quarterly meeting hosted by the Housing Diversity Network for HDN Members to discuss EDI issues.

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Central Region Diversity Group

Wednesday 15th September
11:00 am to 12:30 pm

Regional quarterly meeting hosted by the Housing Diversity Network for HDN Members to discuss EDI issues.

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What We Do at HDN

Contact us to see if we can help

We work with organisations on a range of equality, diversity and inclusion issues. These include management and leadership training, board and executive team discussions on Black Lives Matter and/or the pandemic, and reviewing and helping on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Action Plans and Strategies.

Contact [Mushtaq Khan](#) for further details.

What's the team been talking about?

The sport lovers among us have taken a break from all matters football and are excited to see a strong British team at the opening ceremony of the Paralympics. 227 UK athletes are in Japan to compete across 19 of the 22 Paralympic sports, with swimmer Ellie Simmonds and archer John Stubbs selected as flag bearers.

It promises to be another great event in a summer of sport, and a reminder that disability need never hold anyone back from their ambitions and dreams. Sadly, our recent blog highlights that more, much, much more needs to be done to ensure that people with a disability are not held back in housing and employment.

[Employment stats are still heading the wrong way for the disabled - Housing Diversity Network](#)

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