

# NEWSLETTER



## SEE YOU IN MANCHESTER!

HDN is a network; and there is nothing we love more than to meet with old friends and new to share ideas and experiences, as we work together to promote diversity in the housing sector and beyond.

And with four weeks to go until our Board Diversity Conference in Manchester on 16<sup>th</sup> March, preparations are gathering momentum as we get ready to put on a day of discussion, key note speeches and, of course, new networking opportunities.

Hosted by Alison Inman, HDN board member and a Past President of the Chartered Institute of Housing, the day will feature interactive sessions and breakout groups covering key topics including how to become an inclusive leader, net zero plans and social mobility in housing.

It's our first conference of the year and we'd love to see you in Manchester. If you are 'Mad for It' but haven't yet registered click [HERE](#)

You can view the full agenda for the conference [HERE](#) (Note this is not the registration page just the agenda page)

## FEBRUARY IS LGBT+ HISTORY MONTH

This year's month long celebration of LGBT+ history is the 19<sup>th</sup> of its kind since its inauguration in 2005,

launched by 'Schools Out UK'.

The Education charity started the celebratory month to coincide with the 2003 abolition of Section 28, a law which was passed in 1988 to stop councils and schools from 'promoting the acceptability of homosexuality as a pretended family relationship.'



The theme for 2023 is **Behind the Lens** which will celebrate the hard work of LGBT+ people and their contributions to film and cinema in roles including directors, producers, screenwriters, costume designers and sound and lighting experts.

# EVENTS



## Winning Bids and Tenders Workshop

This workshop is designed for people who want to improve their skills in writing successful bids and proposals.

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## Hearing Diverse Voices in Tenant Engagement

Join our panellists as they discuss how to engage with tenants from diverse backgrounds and why it's important that their voices are heard.

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## Cultural Awareness Training Workshop

This workshop overview of barriers that individuals from Gypsy and Traveller communities face, with a run-through of good practice examples.

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# NOW HIRING

The logo for Housemark, featuring a blue plus sign followed by the word "housemark" in a lowercase, sans-serif font.

**Chief Executive**

[Housemark](#) are looking for a Chief executive who is committed to providing outstanding products and services. As their Chief Executive, you'll provide

inspirational and strategic leadership as you deliver their vision and their ambition, to be the unrivalled leader of business intelligence to the housing sector.

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### Chair & Vice-Chair

As a Programmes Assistant, an overarching key aspect of the role is to contribute to our thinking and be challenging on how HDN can improve the way that we deliver our activities in a seamless and transformative manner.

You need to live close to Bradford so you can get to the office easily. Apply ASAP as we will shut off the process if there is a lot of interest.

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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 THE TEAM'S BEEN TALKING ABOUT THIS WEEK

We're a (reasonably) well read bunch here at HDN and we could hardly fail but notice the slew of ill-informed articles about ADHD which have appeared in the media over the past two weeks. Made in Chelsea star Sam Thompson's planned documentary to 'discover whether he has ADHD' was jumped on by some journalists, who should no better, and they glibly dismissed ADHD as a way of explaining away negative personality traits. Neurodiversity is something we're working on more and more, and as Autism was misunderstood for decades, there is no need for media types to have a crack at ADHD for their own amusement.

Needless to say we disagree with the insensitive, non-inclusive members of the press.

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