

# The HDN Podcast is coming...

Here at the Housing Diversity Network we share our passion to promote Equality Diversity and Inclusion in our sector and communities, with you; our friends, members, mentors and partners.



And we always have plenty to chat about. So, later this month, **we are launching our podcast series** where we will put the world to rights with colleagues and contacts who have a strong voice, and a message to share.

We're kicking off with a discussion around **Black Lives Matter**, when host Stuart Wilkin will be talking with Moreen Pascal, programmes manager at HDN, to try to work out how the 2020 BLM movement has changed the way people think and act, and we'll even attempt to look into the future in the hope that the pace of change really can pick up.

This month Moreen has opened a **new BAME Action Learning Group**, a forum where, in each meeting, an individual member will bring an issue they have encountered and the group will work together in analysis and problem solving. This is a fantastic opportunity to prove that more minds work better than one, so if you'd like to join contact:

#### Moreen@housingdiversitynetwork.co.uk

**Podcast Two** will take a look at LGBT issues, in housing and beyond. We'll let you know when the podcasts are live, and you can take a listen while you take your daily walk (or your coffee break)!

### Welcome our newest members



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### **Calling all Alumini**

We are starting up an **Alumni Network** and would love all our past HDN Staff Mentoring Programme mentees and mentors to be involved!

At this stage we just need you to email us at: <a href="mailto:mentoring@housingdiversitynetwork.co.uk">mentoring@housingdiversitynetwork.co.uk</a> with "Alumni" in the subject heading, your contact information (preferred email address, phone number, LinkedIn and/or Twitter handle) and the programme year(s) you were involved.



It will be fantastic to hear from you.

### Are you for Gentoo?

Every voice matters: A unique opportunity to become a board member at Gentoo.

Gentoo Housing Association is looking to recruit candidates in the North East to join a training programme, specifically aimed at recruiting and developing people from under-represented groups who can provide diverse thinking and have different lived experiences, to become potential board members at housing associations.

The vacancies will be ideal for people who possess a strong social purpose and are passionate about our communities, and are determined to effect change which will benefit people from all sectors of society. You do not need experience or knowledge in the housing sector, just a curiosity and willingness to learn on Gentoo's training and development programme, delivered in partnership with HDN.

If you share the values, purpose and culture of an organisation which provides much needed housing for our communities, and if you can commit to a two-year programme to help you develop new skills, Gentoo wants to hear from you.

The time commitment is around two days per month, to fit around your other commitments and you will be paid £1,500 per year and reasonable out of pocket expenses.

If you want to apply please send a short statement of no more than 500 words, explaining why you want to join the programme, to: <a href="mailto:lo.noble@gentoogroup.com">lo.noble@gentoogroup.com</a> by Friday 5th March or call Jo on 0191 525 2852.

Housing Diversity Network Gentoo Group

### **Director opportunity at Wrekin**



The Wrekin Housing Group are recruiting a nonexecutive director, click the button below if you want to enquire or apply:

Click here

## **Upcoming Events**

### Diversity Data Round Table Part Two: Wed 10th February 11am to 1pm

Part Two of an ongoing series for members of the Housing Diversity Network.

Book now

Chartered Institute of Housing: Older LGBT People - Making care fair: Wed 3rd March 10am to 11:45am

This is the fourth session of the CIH's Older People's Housing series of events and will focus on the issue of making care fair for older LGBT people.

**Book now** 

For details of all our events click here

### 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.

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