

# 2021 could be our year

Well, 2020 was the year that was folks; and a belated Happy New Year to you all from everyone here at HDN.



There was a seismic shift in the world's attitude to race equality, last year, following the killing of George Floyd in the USA. It was a galvanising moment as millions more of the world's citizens awoke to the inequalities faced by people in all sectors of society and across borders.

The corporate world made supportive statements, and in sport, symbolic gestures were seen by millions and, emboldened by the Black Lives Matter message, Sky TV announced a partnership with Kick it Out, the organisation which has been at the forefront of the fight against discrimination in football for 27 years.

So far so good...but now, in 2021, we have the opportunity to do it better. We are looking for real and lasting change in society and there is more awareness and collaboration now, than ever before.

In business, diversity and inclusion must become a core competency, so too in the public and third sectors. Customers and employees are increasingly holding organisations to account on matters of equality, and no industry can kick the can any further down the road.

Read more on our blog here

# We want to hear from you... please get in touch



As we go into 2021 the Housing Diversity Network will continue to grow as an organisation, travelling deeper into equality, diversity and inclusion space, and looking to expand the number of people we work with.

We always want to hear from brilliant people who can see themselves and their work thriving with us. We can work together on many ideas, by running training sessions, collaborating on plans and strategies and developing our interest in research and data... and much more.

There is space for all of this over the coming years, so please share your idea, or interest in working with us, and get in touch....

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# **Our 2021 Diversity Calendar is out!**

The Housing Diversity Network is pleased to offer a new Diversity Calendar for 2021, **free to HDN members** and great value for non-members at £200+VAT.

The electronic Diversity Calendar is provided in iCal/.ics format so that it can be used in a wide range of electronic calendars.

Celebrate **Martin Luther King Day**, next week **on the 18th January**, a highlight of the opening month.

Click here to find your calendar



## **Upcoming Events**

#### **Staff Networks**

Staff Networks webinar

**Tues 12th January**; 2:00 to 3:30

Book here

### **Talking Together**

Among Friends and Neighbours - Talking Together about Race and Immigration;

Wed 3rd February 11:00 to 12:00

Book here

## **Diversity Data**

<u>Diversity Data</u> <u>Roundtable Part 2</u>

Wed 10th February; 11:00 to 12:00

Book here

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.

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