

The SMP Virtual Event is just three weeks away!

There's an air of positivity around the nation this week friends, can you feel it? Even the rainy weather can't put a dampener on the latest release in lockdown measures, and if you really feel the need to, then you can go INSIDE the pub!

The airports awoke from an extended slumber as holiday-makers headed for the Algarve, cafes and restaurants opened their doors, the cinema lights have gone back on and, for the Euro enthusiasts among us, we can have some friends round to watch the Eurovision Song Contest on Saturday.

Can it get any better?

You bet it can...



Virtual Mentoring Celebration - 10th June, 10am to 1:30pm via REMO

Here at HDN we're in a celebratory mood and are looking forward to our second virtual conference, just three weeks away on Thursday 10th June.

If you're not already booked in, then you are invited to join us at our **free** Virtual Celebration to mark the close of the 2020-2021 Staff Mentoring Programme, toast our mentees and acknowledge the hard work of our mentors, associates, member representatives and staff.

Mentors and mentees will be presenting along with key note speakers, while delegates can hop around tables. We aim to create the same vibe and energy of a face to face conference; but you'll have to bring your own coffee and biscuits!

For more details email [HDN](mailto:hdn@hdn.co.uk) and we'll see you on the 10th.

Shuang belongs with us

The third in our new series of **Podcasts** is going live this week, when our very own Shuang Qi is talking about her journey from China to Leeds, and what it means to belong in society and in the UK.

Shuang is as open as ever and she'll keep you engaged for 20 thought provoking minutes.



You can download and listen on Spotify, iTunes, Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Stitcher and TuneIn over the next few days.

If you enjoy the opening podcasts, please do leave us a review; and get in touch if you know anyone we should speak to, or any subject you'd like to hear us chat about.

Pushing for Board Diversity

Our vacancies for non-executives and the Board Diversity Programme are now available on **Together Housing's recruitment site** at the links below:

[Non-executive vacancies](#)

[Board Diversity Programme vacancies](#)

For current Together Housing chairs and board/committee members; if you would like to participate in either of the open days we are holding as part of the recruitment activity (9th June for the Board Diversity Programme and 24th June for the non-executive vacancies) please contact us at:

Mushtaq@housingdiversitynetwork.co.uk



Golden Lane Housing

working in partnership with 

Golden Opportunity at the Lane

A fantastic opportunity for our SMP members and alumni to continue your personal and professional development is coming available through a **Board Trainee role** at Golden Lane Housing (GLH).

One of the UK's leading providers of housing for people with a learning disability, GLH works closely with the Royal Mencap Society and other care support providers, and is an innovative and growing organisation, committed to meeting the housing needs of a vulnerable group which often struggles to find suitable housing.

GLH is looking to recruit **Trainee Trustees** to support and contribute to an exciting new period of growth. If you are able to demonstrate a strong commitment to diversity and inclusion and have skills and experience at a senior level in one of the following areas: strategic IT; digital service delivery; sector customer insight and data segmentation analysis; customer service, GLH would love to hear from you.

If you want to receive the recruitment pack, and details of our virtual open event in June for potential trainee trustees, then please email [HDN](mailto:info@housingdiversitynetwork.co.uk) now.

[info@housingdiversitynetwork.co.uk with 'GLH' in the heading]

Upcoming Online Events



Let's Talk About Race

Tues 25th May at 4pm

Our friends at Homes for Lambeth invite you to their webinar: Let's Talk about Race where a panel, including Patrick Vernon OB, will ask what has changed for young black men in our society and, more specifically, the housing sector?

The event will take place on Zoom - to register use the link below:

[Register Here](#)

Webinar: Grenfell Tower, four years on

Wed 2nd June 11am to 12:30pm

Join our expert panel which looks four years on from the Grenfell Tower fire and asks whether the housing sector has learned from this seismic moment which highlighted the gaps in society and the residual role of social housing in an increasingly affluent area.



[Tickets Here](#)

Northern Diversity Group Meeting

Tues 8th June
11am to 12:30pm

[Register Here](#)

Midlands, Central and South Diversity Group Meeting

Wed 9th June
11am to 12:30pm

[Register 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.

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

What's the team been talking about?

Don't think we're getting giddy folks, but we spent the last ten minutes of our team meeting discussing and dreaming about getting out there, meeting friends and colleagues at work and in our communities. Zoom and Teams have been fine, but now we're planning to be out and about (cautiously) as the country opens up, hoping to be back in the office in June, and with ideas of face to face conferences and events. And we still haven't had our office Christmas dinner!

We're a network and that's what we intend to do, more and more.

Housing Diversity Network
30 Manor Row | Bradford | BD1 4QE



Email: info@housingdiversitynetwork.co.uk
Phone: +44(0)1484 652606

You have received this email because your organisation is a member of HDN, you have attended one of our events or practitioner groups, are on one of our mentoring programmes or have come in to contact with us in some other way. If you no longer want to hear from us please unsubscribe using the link below.

[Unsubscribe here](#)

Sent by

 sendinblue