

NEWSLETTER



KWAJO TWENEBOA VIDEO PODCAST COMING SOON...

The next video podcast in our 2022 series is on the way folks; and it's one you really shouldn't miss.

On our recent trip to London we caught up with Kwajo Tweneboa, the 23 year old social housing campaigner who has given a huge wake-up call to sector leaders, with his boundless energy and passion for fairness. Just over 12 months ago, Kwajo took on a giant housing association to task on its failure to attend his pest infested and chronically damp flat, and now he has become the national voice of the tenant, with interviews aired on all major news channels.

Kwajo was living with his two sisters on the Easfields Estate in Mitcham, where their father had recently died; and when his repeated efforts to find help from the housing association were ignored he took to social media and was astounded by the wealth of support his Twitter posts received. And so he began to formulate a strategy to help other tenants who were too shy to speak out, with leaflet drops and extensive social media activity.

Within days his phone never stopped ringing as tenants told Kwajo the horrifying stories that had so far gone unheard. The results have been groundbreaking.

A business student at the De Montfort University in Leicester and a talented artist, Kwajo was recently interviewed by Sky News Political Editor Beth Rigby, and you can hear his story and ambitions in his own candid words on our next video podcast.

ARE YOU OUR NEXT MENTOR?



HDN's award-winning Staff Mentoring Programme is starting for the 22-23 year and is growing all the time.

Mentors provide support, encouragement and invaluable experience to mentees. They are matched with people in similar career paths and commit to five meetings with their mentee over a nine month period.

We're looking for new mentors to help us meet our demand so if you, or a friend or colleague, would like to join us, or get more information, please drop an email to mentoring@housingdiversitynetwork.co.uk.

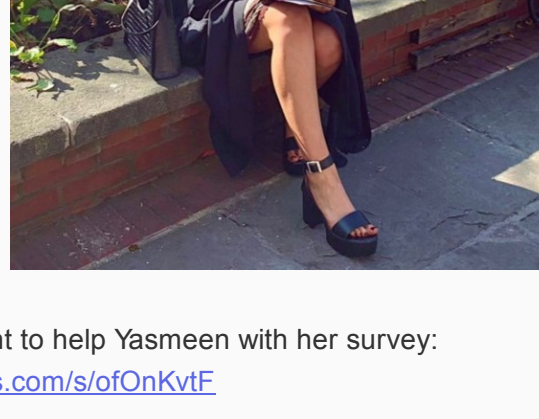
Mentoring is a rewarding way for you to give something back, grow your own network or strengthen your CV; and we are looking for people from within or outside the sector, working or retired, particularly in the South and Midlands regions.

But we also want you lovely people from Up North too!

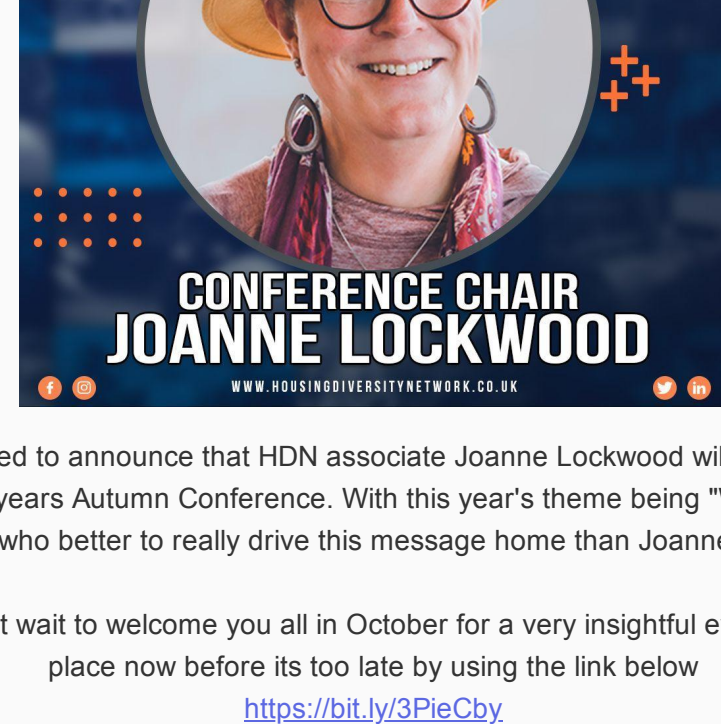
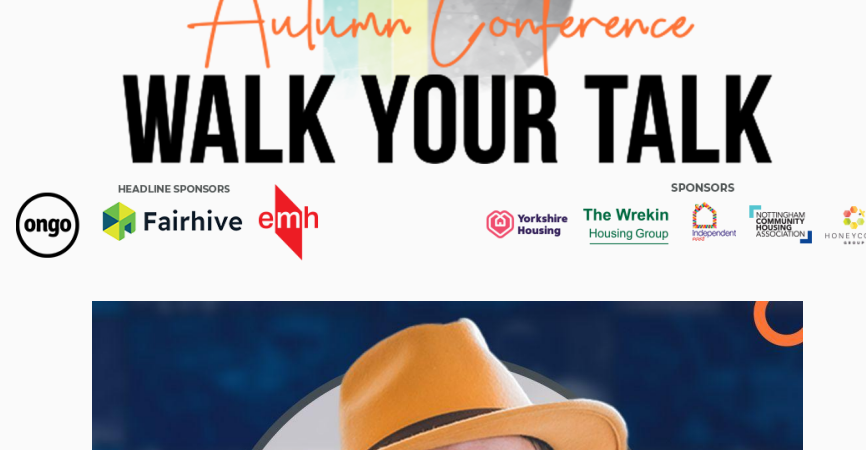
TAKE A LOOK AT YASMEEN'S RESEARCH

Manchester University MA student Yasmeen Hussein is writing her dissertation on the topic of how the housing, ageing, and disability needs of South Asian and Black African individuals are being responded to.

Part of Yasmeen's dissertation involves a survey with professionals working within and around the sector, specifically with South Asian and Black African individuals, and community groups.



So please, if you can, take a moment to help Yasmeen with her survey: <https://kwiksurveys.com/s/ofOnKvtF>

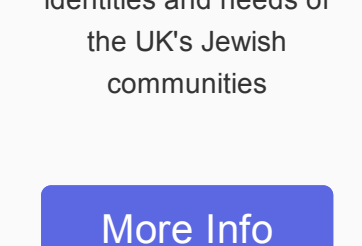


We are pleased to announce that HDN associate Joanne Lockwood will once again be chairing this years Autumn Conference. With this year's theme being "Walk Your Talk" who better to really drive this message home than Joanne.

We really cant wait to welcome you all in October for a very insightful event. Book your place now before its too late by using the link below <https://bit.ly/3PieCby>

P.S Don't forget our agenda will be out very soon.

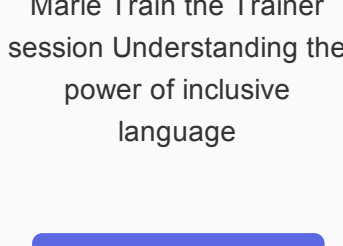
EVENTS



HDN Webinar- Being Jewish: Identity, faith and housing need

Join our webinar where our panellists will be discussing the diverse identities and needs of the UK's Jewish communities

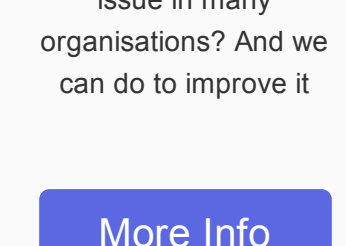
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Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Train the Trainer Session (Online Session)

A training session hosted by HDN associate Anne-Marie Train the Trainer session Understanding the power of inclusive language

[More Info](#)



HDN Webinar: Menopause Support

In this webinar we discuss why is menopause a silent issue in many organisations? And we can do to improve it

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NEW MEMBERS



NOW HIRING



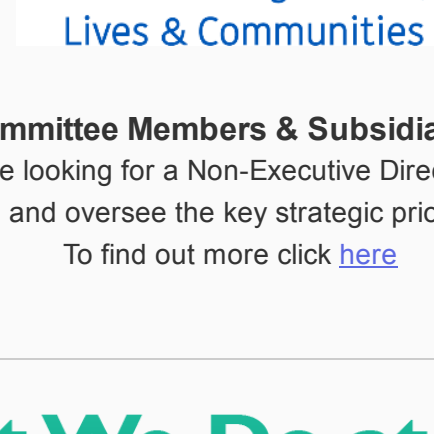
Managing Director

Following the retirement of our Managing Director, we are now looking for an inspirational leader. It is an excellent time to join STAR Housing following the award of a new 10-year contract to manage this key Council service. We have consistently delivered high levels of performance and we have forged a strong relationship with Shropshire Council. We recognise the potential to do more and our new Managing Director will work in partnership with Shropshire Council to develop even more services as we support them in delivering key community objectives.. click [here](#) to find out more.



Group Chief Executive

Honeycomb Group are looking for a dynamic leader, committed to providing outstanding services to their customers and creating a culture of belonging for their employees. As Group Chief Executive, you'll provide inspirational and strategic leadership for Staffs Housing, Revival, Glow and Concrete as they deliver their vision and our ambitions over the coming years. To find out more click [here](#)

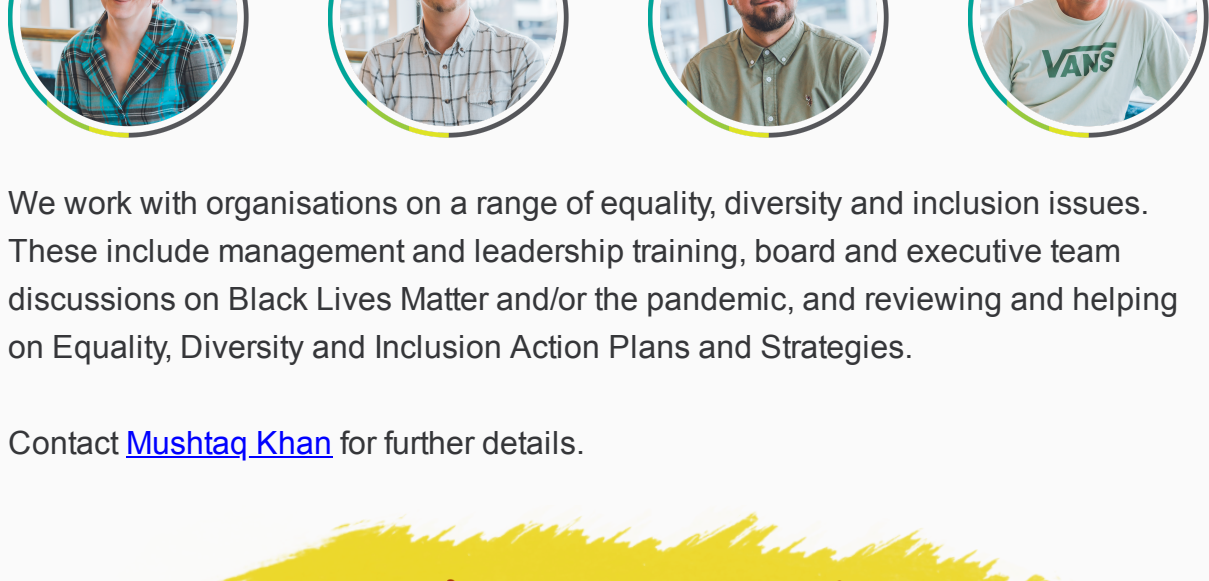


Independent Committee Members & Subsidiary Board member

Trent & Dove Housing Ltd are looking for a Non-Executive Director to join their organisation to help the Board to shape and oversee the key strategic priorities for our organisation. To find out more 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 [Mushlag Khan](#) for further details.

WHAT THE TEAM'S BEEN TALKING ABOUT THIS WEEK

The strikingly diverse nature of the runners and riders for the Conservative Party leadership did more than raise a few eyebrows among the team. The politicians among us can't quite understand how the initial collection of eight candidates, well represented by black and brown hopefuls, between them have done very little to help black and brown communities.

Clearly diversity is more than skin deep and you'll be hearing more from us on this curiosity.

Well, we're down to the last two, Rishi Sunak and Liz Truss, star of the Sunday Times Rich List or the Margaret Thatcher reincarnation...take your pick.

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