

NEWSLETTER



Gearing up for Pride Month in June

LGBT+ Pride Month takes place across the world in June, in celebration of self-identity, inclusivity and equality.

While Pride's profile has grown hugely in recent years, the event has been a fixture for over half a century, the first celebration seeing thousands of people marching the streets of New York in 1970, a year after police had raided the Stonewall Inn in the City, an act which sparked riots and became the catalyst for a global movement.

Here in 2022, we know that many of our members will celebrate Pride Month virtually, as they have embraced home working.

So what better way to celebrate Pride Month than with an online LGBT+ speaker and online event?

HDN can help you by providing an external speaker to discuss their experiences as an LGBTQ+ individual, to help empower and educate your staff. Take Joanne Lockwood, for example, who would be a fascinating and engaging speaker at a 'lunch and learn' interactive session, speaking about what you can do, right now, to step up to being an effective workplace ally for Trans, Non-Binary or Gender Diverse colleagues and customers.

Another important event for your June calendar is an LGBT+ Inclusion workshop. Lisa Vine has been leading these for us, and the sessions centre on hands-on training, facilitating LGBT+ equality, both in the workplace and as service providers.

If you want to know more, or book a session, please contact us at info@housingdiversitynetwork.co.uk

DISABILITY IN HOUSING



There are still places free on our Disability in Housing Webinar on 24th May, where members and guests will be able to hear from John Wallbank, Head of People Engagement at Fairhive Homes, who will talk about the work Fairhive have done to support employees with disabilities.

And John will be joined by Ian Rowlands from the charity Talkback, who will share the work the charity does to provide support for people with Autism and learning difficulties, and Talkback's Nicola Martin will share her experiences of trying to gain employment as someone with Autism.

We will also discuss how housing associations can improve accessibility and support for employees with disabilities, following Global Accessibility Awareness Day on the 19th May.

EARLY BIRD SALE ENDING SOON!

Our Early Bird Sale is coming to an end, so grab yourself a deal before prices go up in the beginning of June, to an event that is shaping up to be one you definitely want to have in your calendar.

Click on the link to find out more.
[AUTUMN CONFERENCE SALE](#)

And you can find more details on our social media channels or by contacting
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EVENTS



**HDN & WISH
Midlands
Networking Mixer
Birmingham**



**Hate Crime and
Housing Providers
Workshop**



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

**(Sponsored by
Devonshires)**

A Joint HDN and WISH Midlands networking event for our members based in the Midlands Area.

[More Info](#)

This three-hour workshop will help you and your organisation to provide an evidence-based approach to understanding hate crime

[More Info](#)

Session)

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

[More Info](#)

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NEW MEMBERS

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NOW HIRING



Chair

Are you passionate about supporting refugees and migrants? Would you like to be part of a housing association committed to being a good landlord and to provide a safe space, place and environment for migrants and refugees in London whilst also developing their potential? Arhag Housing Association are seeking a new Chair, to lead their Board in September 2022. Find out more [here](#).



Head of Finance

Berneslai Homes has an exciting opportunity for a **Head of Finance** to join their team based at Gateway Plaza in **Barnsley**, for more information and how to apply click [here](#). Closing date for this role is the 27th May 2022.

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

Well, the Bank Holiday Monday, followed by diary congestion this week, meant that the team hasn't had a chance to put our world to rights since 25th April!

No Monday Team Meeting means no chance for us to ask each other how we are and what happened over the weekend; and that's an important part of work and community life, as last week's blog on stress management describes. So our Mixer Event in Leeds on Tuesday evening was a welcome opportunity for some of us to get together with our friends, members and associates in West Yorkshire.

And speaking of Leeds, for the football fans among us, United's Premier League status is hanging by a thread as the Whites' battle for survival against Burnley is building up to a nail-biting climax, to be resolved within two weeks.

And that is doing nothing to help the stress levels of one of our team!

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