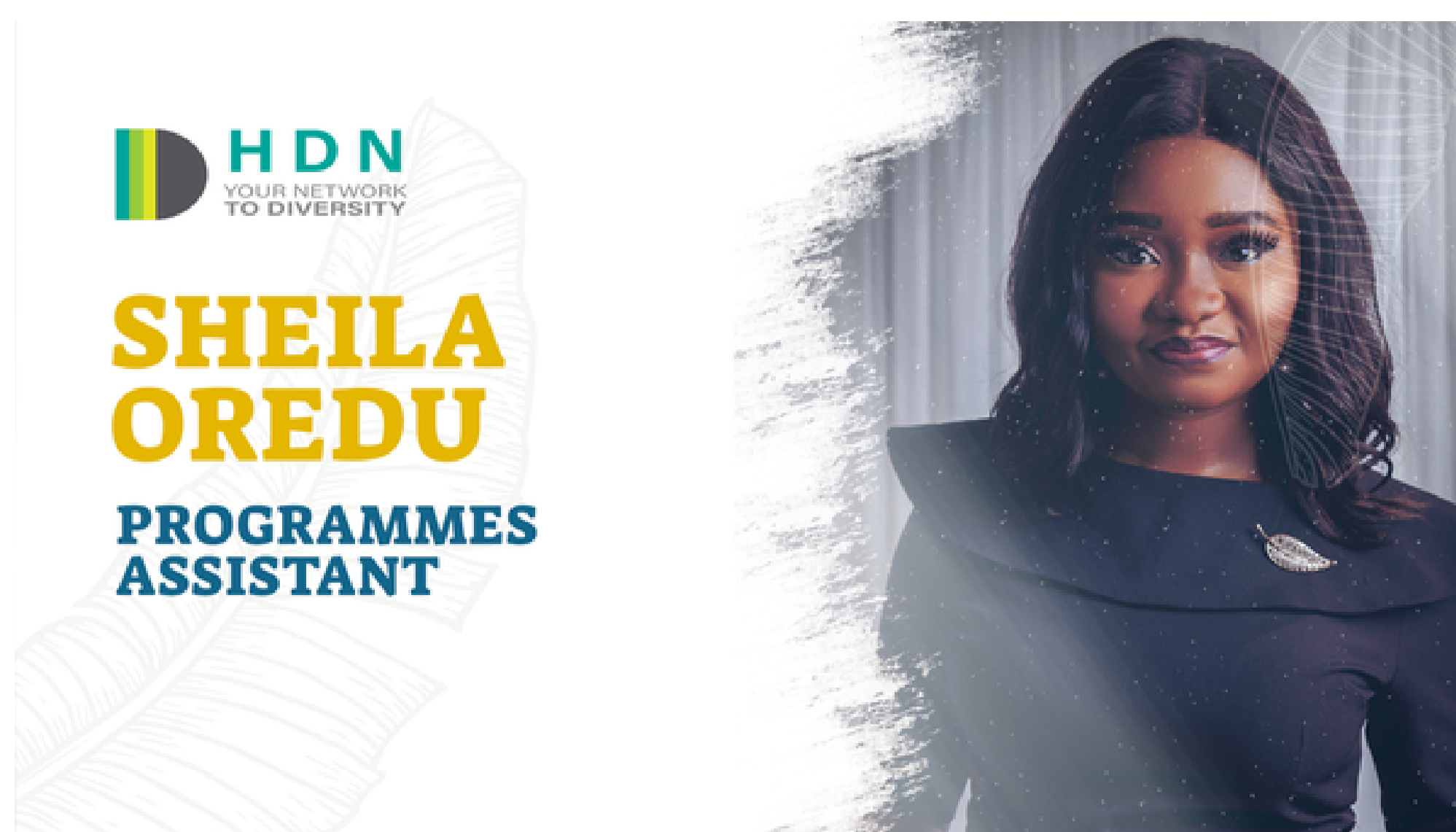


NEWSLETTER



Sheila's Here!

Moreen and Ruth have been in celebratory mood over the weekend because the Staff Mentoring Programme has had a springtime boost; and the whole HDN team is delighted to welcome Sheila OREDU as our new Programmes Assistant.

Joining us just last week Sheila will fill the void left when Shuang headed off for pastures new, and she brings a skill set and a philosophy which we know will suit us down to the ground. As a public health enthusiast Sheila is deeply committed to reducing inequalities in communities and improving the overall health of individuals, and is keen to help us in our work to address inequalities in the housing sector: "I'm excited to join a team dedicated to promoting diversity and equity in housing," she says, "and I look forward to joining the mission."

"I hope to make a positive impact on people's lives through advocacy and promoting equity in health and housing which are intrinsically linked."

Mentors and mentees can hopefully meet Sheila at the June celebration events in London and Manchester and, with the 2023/24 programme admissions open until 30th June, she'll be warmly welcomed at a hectic time for the SMP team.

A keen historian and archaeology enthusiast, Sheila also loves R&B and afrobeats, a nice addition to the eclectic music tastes of our eclectic team!

And Welcome to Caroline too

We're also delighted to announce that Caroline Gilsam has joined us to help co-ordinate some of our work in the North East on a part time basis. Caroline has worked in social housing for most of her career, starting as a Youth Trainee in Middlesbrough and taking high profile roles in Sunderland Housing Group and Gentoo. She has since set up her own consultancy as well as launching WISH North East and Caroline will be a great asset for us on Tyneside, Teeside and the beautiful surrounding areas.



Only 2 Places Left for our Critical Action Learning



GOING FAST! Closing Date this Friday.

Join a safe environment for leaders in the housing sector to share their experiences at work and strive together to find solutions and pathways. During the Critically Reflective Action Learning Sets you will offer and receive peer support to identify positive actions to help you navigate how you lead for social justice at work. Click here for more information on these sessions organised by the Housing Diversity Network.

Click below for more information.
<https://bit.ly/40VGOqD>

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Staff Mentoring Programme Celebration

We are incredibly proud of all the mentees and mentors who have been part of the HDN Staff Mentoring programme.

This year we will be splitting the celebration, with one taking place in London and the other to take place in Manchester, giving everyone the opportunity to attend in person.

We are really looking forward to hearing inspiring stories of positive change and development, and to celebrate the completion of the programme. This is a great opportunity to network, learn, plan for the future and toast each other's success!

We look forward to seeing you there



EVENTS

18 May	Cultural Awareness Training Workshop
26 Jun	SMP 22-23 Graduation - London
28 Jun	SMP 22-23 Graduation - Manchester
28 Jun	HDN's Networking Mixer Manchester
06 Nov	HDN Autumn Conference 2023: Breaking Barriers

[For details of ALL our events CLICK HERE](#)

NOW HIRING

Chair of Assurance Committee & Chair of the Board



Bron Afon Community Housing are looking for a Chair of Assurance Committee & Chair of the Board to join their organisation.

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Group Chair



As our next Chair, you will play a vital leadership role in the next stage of our organisational journey. Working collaboratively, you will help to establish our strategic priorities beyond our current corporate plan, and ensure clarity on how we measure ourselves against objectives.

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Chair, Chair of the Remuneration and Nominations Committee and two Board members



We are interested in attracting a range of applicants to maintain a strong skills mix and diversity within our Board. Applicants offering any of the following will be particularly welcomed: previous NED experience for the post of Chair, leadership, business management, interest in our communities, customer services, finance, property and development. Successful candidates might come from a range of sectors but will bring a commitment to make a real contribution to Red Kite.

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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

Not all of us are big fans of the Royal Family here in the HDN nerve centre. But neither are we killjoys; so we hope all of you out there, monarchists or not, and those who simply like a party had a great Bank Holiday weekend (in the rain).

At least one of us watched at least five minutes of this historic event, and spotted the brilliant Floella Benjamin. The former children's TV presenter and Liberal Democrat peer carried the sovereign's sceptre with dove, which represents spirituality, equity and mercy.