



Conference Speakers Confirmed

With just over five weeks to go until the [HDN Autumn Conference in Birmingham](#), we're delighted to announce our two key-note speakers.

In the morning we'll be joined by [Andy George](#), President of the National Black Police Association, and in the afternoon it's [Lara Oyedele](#), Chair of Hope Housing and incoming Vice President of the Chartered Institute of Housing.

These two sought after speakers will be joined by our host, the brilliant Joanne Lockwood, the CEO of See Change Happen, as we have a day of networking and discussion, at a pivotal time when diversity and inclusion has become a prominent part of the national conversation. Our speakers and break-out sessions throughout the day will provide reflection and insight into a range of issues in the sector, covering topics such as Tackling Islamophobia, Services for the LGBTQ+ community, BLM in 2021, The Inequality of COVID and Mentoring for Leadership and Success.

ANDY GEORGE
NATIONAL BLACK POLICE ASSOCIATION

LARA OYEDELE
CHAIR OF HOPE HOUSING

Autumn Conference
LEADING THE CHANGE
18 OCTOBER 2021

Riverside
POCKETTALK
PENNINGTONS MANCHES

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HDN Chief Executive, Mushtaq Khan, says: "We have drawn up an exciting programme for this conference that will allow attendees to reflect upon equality, diversity and inclusion in the housing sector. The speakers in our programme are uniquely placed to debate the issues and draw out the key themes for our audience."

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Great to see you again



Well what a total pleasure it was to be out and about in Manchester on Wednesday at the CIH Conference... what a day! After 18 months of virtual meetings and lonely home working, the Capital of the North was buzzing as housing sector workers descended on the conference on one of the hottest days of the year.

Every member of the HDN team was there, some who hadn't even met each other, in person, before. Moreen headed up from London to see how

the North has kept pace with the 'Big Smoke' and was suitably impressed by our hospitality...we think!

It was a full on day with the main conference flanked by a superb event hosted by Women in Social Housing, and we were delighted to see so many old friends and new at our own Network Mixer on Portland Street. Two hours just wasn't enough, but it did give us time to head to the wonderful Pennington's reception before rounding the night off with a team curry.



We really hope those of you who were there enjoyed the day as much as we did. Our business is all about people... and it was just brilliant to see you all again.

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Northern Diversity Group

Tuesday 14th September
11:00 am to 12:30 pm

Regional quarterly meeting hosted by the Housing Diversity Network for HDN Members to discuss EDI issues.

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Wednesday 15th September
11:00 am to 12:30 pm

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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?

In anticipation of our long-awaited trip out to Manchester, as well as getting giddy about the prospect of seeing real people, Shuang turned our attention to a question of etiquette. We understand in China it is considered polite to always accept a drink when offered. But here in the UK, on a day where hospitality is flowing, few people would be offended by a friendly decline...and it reduces the danger of ending the day with the humiliation of being the shambolic person tipped into a taxi!

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