

All Roads Lead To Birmingham

There is less than a month to go now until the HDN Autumn Conference, and plans are racing ahead to make it a great day for everyone involved. The speakers and presenters are picked and primed, with host Joanne Lockwood set to host the day with her inimitable verve.

Andy George, President of the National Black Police Association, will have plenty to say on one of the hottest issues we in the ED&I world face, institutional racism; and then the brilliant Lara Oyedele, Chair of Hope Housing and incoming Vice President of the Chartered Institute of Housing will take the stage in the afternoon.

And where better to host our conference than in Birmingham, England's second city (apologies to our friends in Manchester), a hotbed of social mobility and political radicalism, and now a major commercial centre and conference venue, which is why we're heading to Birmingham's Clayton Hotel on Monday 18th October; as well as the obvious attraction of the famous Balti Triangle of course...



The Balti was invented in Birmingham and the plethora of Indian and South Asian restaurants in the Triangle showcase the very best of the local dish, along with the finest traditional Asian cuisine...my mouth is watering already!

Back to the conference, when the day will be buzzing with activity; our key-note 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 and BLM in 2021.

We can't wait to see you, our friends, at what promises to be a memorable day.

And we would also like to thank our sponsors [Riverside](#), [Pockettalk](#) and [Penningtons Manches Cooper](#) for making this possible.

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HDN's Digital Muscle

Since its inception in April, we are delighted that over 400 colleagues are now registered on PushFar, HDN's new mentoring digital platform for the Staff Mentoring, Board Excellence and Board Diversity programmes. Over 180 are



registered as staff mentee and over 150 other colleagues as staff mentors.

The London & SE area and, to a lesser extent, North West and Midlands regions still have a few staff mentor vacancies. We continue to work hard to meet the mentor demand in those regions, and please feel free to get in touch if you would like to be considered for mentor registration.

mentoring@housingdiversitynetwork.co.uk

And a big Thank You to colleagues in member and non-member organisations who have worked with our team to support this shift towards the digitalisation of the application process. We are always keen to hear about your experience.

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HDN Events



Northern Diversity Group

Tuesday 7th December
11:00 am to 12:30 pm

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

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Central Region Diversity Group

Wednesday 8th December
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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[Railway Housing Association](#)

Two Rivers Housing



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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's the team been talking about?

Conference fever is growing here at HDN, and we can't wait to see you all on the 18th. And you may find out more than you bargained for. Many of you know us well...but there's still plenty you don't know.

In our 'Meet the Team' feature, you will find out whose scared witless by Japanese horror films, and who really hates olives; who's favourite band is the Clash, and who insists that Reality TV is mind-numbing?

And who would rather eat Mussels and Chips than Cod and Chips!

You can guess all you like, but you'll have to wait until the 18th October to find out!

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