

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Homelessness post-2012: where next?

New challenges, new priorities and new solutions

Tuesday 7 February 2012, St Paul's & St George's Church, Edinburgh

09:00 *Registration*

09:30 Introduction from the Chair: 2012 and beyond - what are the new challenges?
Graeme Brown, Director, Shelter Scotland

Including: *Shelter Scotland ~ 'what does 2012 mean?' service user/stakeholder video*

09:50 **KEYNOTE:** Homelessness policy in the United States – what can we learn?
In association with Heriot-Watt University: Professor Dennis P. Culhane, University of Pennsylvania

- White House policy advisor on homelessness
- Advisor to New York City on homelessness

Introduced by: **Professor Suzanne Fitzpatrick, Heriot-Watt University**

10:15 Questions and discussion

10:30 *Refreshments*

10:50 WORKSHOPS SESSION 1

- (1) Sustaining tenancies – early intervention for rent arrears
- (2) **Shelter Scotland Research:** Making best use of lets
- (3) Working with young people to prevent homelessness

11:40 *Transition between workshops*

11:50 WORKSHOP SESSION 2

- (1) Responding to welfare reform at a local level
- (2) Partnerships with the PRS – what works?
- (3) **Shelter Scotland Research:** Understanding the housing support duty

12:40 Lunch

- ~ During lunch the Shelter film 'Keys to the Future' will be played in the main conference room
- ~ During lunch delegates are encouraged to submit questions to the Minister

13:30 Learning from our neighbours – delivering services in a changed economic context

Karen Murphy, Head of Services, Irish Council for Social Housing

13:45 **Shelter Scotland Research:** 21st century homelessness service: what should we be aiming for?

Professor Isobel Anderson, Stirling University

14:00 **Shelter Scotland Research:** Funding homelessness services

Anna Evans, Anna Evans Housing Consultancy Ltd.

14:15 Housing Options- developing a new model of homelessness service delivery

Marion Gibbs, Homelessness Team Leader, Scottish Government

14:30 Questions and discussion

14:45 Refreshments

15:00 PANEL DISCUSSION – Chaired by Graeme Brown

Michael Cameron, Chief Executive, Scottish Housing Regulator

Professor Dennis P. Culhane, School of Social Policy and Practice, University of Pennsylvania

Jim Hayton, Policy Manager, ALACHO

Karen Murphy, Head of Services, Irish Council for Social Housing

15:30 Making theory a reality – Scotland's commitment to preventing homelessness

Keith Brown MSP, Housing & Transport Minister, Scottish Government

15:45 Questions to the Minister

16:00 Closing comments from the Chair

16:10 Close of conference