

# Scotland's private renting conference

A new deal for tenants and landlords

Shelter  
Scotland

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2014, Merchants' Hall, Edinburgh

08.30	<b>Registration</b>
09.30	Welcome from the Chair  <b>Professor Douglas Robertson, University of Stirling</b>
09.40	Private rented sector: security and stability for today's private renters <b>Graeme Brown, Director, Shelter Scotland</b>
10.00	Additional security of tenure: the view from Ireland <b>Dr Eoin O'Sullivan, Trinity College Dublin</b>  <i>Followed by questions and discussion</i>
10.40	Refreshments
<b>What's on the horizon for Scotland's private rented sector?</b>	
11.00	Rental trends in the private rented sector <b>Thomas Ashdown, Managing Director, CityLets</b>
11.15	Ensuring letting agent regulation is effective <b>Kathleen Gell, Council of Letting Agents</b>
11.30	The Housing (Scotland) Bill <b>Ann Nelson, Head of the Housing Services and Regeneration Division, Scottish Government</b>
11.45	What are the features of tribunals and how do they differ to courts? <b>Aileen Devanny, President, Private Rented Housing Panel</b>
12.00	<i>Questions and discussion</i>
12.30	Lunch

<b>Can the private rented sector deliver homes fit for families?</b>	
13.15	Homes for Good: one year on in Scotland's first social letting agency <b>Nicola Farrell, Tenant Support Officer, Homes for Good</b>
13.30	NHS Health Scotland: Health, housing and private renting in Scotland <b>Rory Mitchell, Good Places Better Health Information Strategy Leader, NHS Health Scotland</b>
13.45	<b>Round YOUR table discussion: is the private rented sector a suitable home for families with young children?</b>  <i>Each table to suggest two initiatives to make the private rented sector more suitable for families with children.</i>  Followed by a feedback panel session:  <b>Nicola Farrell (Homes for Good), Rory Mitchell (NHS Health Scotland), Liz Ely (Scotland's private tenants group)</b>
14.30	Refreshments
<b>Ensuring a bright future for Scotland's private rented sector</b>	
14.50	Registered social landlords entering the private rented sector  <b>Mike Bruce, Chief Executive, Weslo Housing Management</b>
15.10	Private rented sector reform: the landlords' view  <b>John Blackwood, Chief Executive, Scottish Association of Landlords</b>
15.30	Closing panel session: how does the private rented sector need to change to adapt to today's private renters?  <b>Marco Biagi MSP, Scottish National Party; Mary Fee MSP, Shadow Housing Spokesperson, Scottish Labour; Jim Hume MSP, Spokesperson for Health and Housing, Scottish Liberal Democrats; Patrick Harvie MSP, Scottish Green Party</b>
16.15 – 16.30	Chair's summing up and close of conference