



APSE Online Housing Seminar

Bringing Britain's Social Housing Stock into the 21 Century



Thursday 20 March 2025
Microsoft Teams



Programme

10:30 Session One

Inclusive spaces – Retrofitting to adapt our homes

- The fragmented policy landscape and funding around adaptations
- Proactive approaches to adaptations for better outcomes for individuals
- Adopting an Inclusive Living approach

Professor Kim McKee, Professor of Housing & Social Policy, University of Stirling

Decarbonising Welsh Housing between 2020 and 2050

- Understanding the challenge
- Strategic approaches
- Retrofit: A discussion and next steps

Dr Edmund Green, Senior Lecturer, Welsh School of Architecture

Retrofit skills programme

- Combating climate change by upskilling the built environment sector
- Addressing the key challenge of the skills gap in the current workforce
- The programme's success to date

Holly Hansen Maughan, Sector Manager, Supply Chain Sustainability School

Audience question and answer session

11:30 Comfort break

11.45 Session Two

DESNZ alternative energy markets programme

- The retrofit-on-subscription solar PV with battery scheme
- The Energy Saver App
- Removing up-front cost of the tech and enabling residents to engage

Dale Hoyland, Retrofit Team Leader, Oxfordshire County Council

Warrington Retrofit for Lets

- The mission to overcome barriers to providing clean powered and cosy homes for tenants
- Working with landlords to beat the EPC C rush
- Increasing tenant satisfaction and property values

Jake Percival, Stakeholder Engagement Officer, Retrofit for Lets

Roof and Rendering optimised retrofit programme

- An overview of the ORP programme
- Evaluation and what the data says
- Foundational economy

Mark Cassidy and Glyn Forsdick, Denbighshire County Council

Audience question and answer session

13.15 Seminar Close

Seminar Objectives

About the Seminar

The quality of social housing has been brought into sharp focus over the last few years, with tragic events such as Grenfell and the death of Awaab Ishak. Also, increased fuel poverty and the drive for net zero have resulted in changes in legislation and the drive to improve council housing for tenants.

Local authorities are rising to the challenges and are embarking on retrofit programmes of their housing stock to ensure tenant safety and sustainability.

This online seminar will bring together a range of expert speakers that will explore the approaches that are being taken to retrofitting and how local authorities are creating homes fit for the 21st Century.

Who should attend?

- Chief executives
- Elected members
- Service directors
- Housing and homelessness professionals
- Policy officers
- Trade union representatives
- Homelessness consultants
- Academic researchers

Via Microsoft Teams



Booking information

What's included?

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