

Booking form

Confederation of Co-operative Housing Annual Conference | 19th – 21st March 2004

Please photocopy this booking form and return to the CCH.

Please book as soon as possible as places are limited. The closing date for bookings is March 5th 2004, we regret that cancellations can only be accepted prior to this date, after which the full price will be charged. However, bookings for children should be made by February 21st to allow us to arrange appropriate childcare. All costs include VAT and you will receive a VAT receipt with a confirmation letter and directions.

Name of organisation: Address:

Name of delegate(s):
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Name of person dealing with bookings: Telephone & e-mail contacts:

No.	Category	Cost (£)	Total amount payable
	Housing co-operative members & tenants	£365	
	CCH member organisations ⁽¹⁾	£325	
	Professional rate	£390	
	Children	£70	
	Single room supplement ⁽²⁾	£39	
	Bursary rate ⁽³⁾	£180	
	Single day rate	£150	
	Affiliation fee (housing co-operatives only)	£94	
	Total to pay		

Special needs:

Food (vegetarian, vegan, halal etc)

Creche facilities (children up to 12 only)

Please give name(s) and age(s) of children

Please note :

- (1) only housing co-operatives and other organisations directly affiliated with the CCH are entitled to the reduced member rate - the cost of affiliation is £94, so when sending more than two delegates it is cheaper to affiliate and pay the reduced rate
- (2) if you do not book single room supplements, you may be accommodated in a (same sex) twin room
- (3) bursary rates are intended for organisations that cannot afford to come otherwise. If you can afford to pay the full rate, please do not book using bursary rates. There are a limited number of bursary places, in student accommodation in a separate building. This is about 5 minutes walk from the main buildings.

All prices include full board and conference papers.

Please make cheques payable to "Confederation of Co-operative Housing".

Please return completed forms to:

Sarah Hughes, The Confederation of Co-operative Housing, Unit 19, 41 Old Birley Street, Hulme, Manchester M15 5RF,

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Confederation of Co-operative Housing

Annual Conference: extending co-operation

Stoke Rochford Hall,
Grantham, Lincolnshire

19th – 21st
March 2004



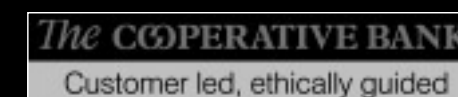
Speakers include:

- Andy Love - MP
- Dr Michael Biles - Housing Ombudsman
- Jonathan Ellis - Chief Exec, Empty Homes Agency
- Des Kelly - NHF Decent Homes Standard Pilot Study

Plus:

- a range of seminars on both policy and practical issues relating to housing co-operatives and tenant control
- an update on the Community Gateway Model for stock transfer and how it is being used in Preston

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"CCH would like to thank our sponsors for their generous support, which is allowing us to offer some subsidised places to people who would like to set up new housing co-operatives - please apply early for these places"

Following the release of "Taking Control in your community" at last year's conference the CCH has embarked on a project of dissemination. Further, the CCH has played an active role in the development of the housing corporation's new "involvement policy".

The last year has seen the first "community gateway" stock transfer begin to take shape in Preston with others being lined up. Following on from these successes the next year will see the CCH's new business plan unfold and the start of the work of Co-operatives UK's co-op housing group. This year's conference promises the opportunity for all delegates to help shape the agenda of these new projects.

Blase Lambert - CCH Chairman



Friday 19th March

from 5pm Arrivals & Registration

6.00 - 7.30 Buffet meal

7.30 - 8.30 Introductions & welcome

8.30 - 10.30 Quiz

Saturday 20th March

Opening session

10.00 **CCH progress this year**
Blase Lambert, CCH Chair

10.15 **The Future for Housing Co-ops**
Andy Love MP

10.45 **Questions**

11.00 **coffee break**

followed by seminars* until 5.30pm

7.00pm **Dinner - followed by speaker,**
Martin Newman from Giroscope

Giroscope Workers Co-operative grew from a group of young people in Hull who decided to do something positive to provide affordable housing to people in need by renovating houses. Although they had no funding, they persuaded friends with jobs to take out mortgages on run down properties and borrowed money where they could. Giroscope renovated the first homes in 1985. The rent from the properties helped the project buy and renovate further properties. They now have twenty-three houses, six flats, a shop, two offices and 3,000 sq ft of workshop space.

Seminars*

Strategy & Policy Seminars

11.30 **Housing Ombudsman -**
how complaints are dealt with.
Dr Michael Biles, Housing Ombudsman

12.15 **Housing Corporation Involvement Policy -**
developing policies for all housing association tenants to become involved in the management of their homes.
Anthony Collins, Housing Corporation Policy Advisor

1.00 **Lunch**

2.00 **Community Gateway Model in practice -**
the Preston experience.
Nic Bliss, BCHS
Patricia Hesketh-Sullivan & Christine Winstanley from the Preston Community Gateway Tenant Steering Group Committee

2.45 **How ALMO's (Arms Length Management Organisations) affect tenant management**
Speaker to be confirmed

3.30 **Break**

4.00 **Decent Homes Standard Pilot Study -**
new standards for housing and how they are achieved.
Des Kelly, National Housing Federation

4.45 **New developments**
Student Housing Co-ops -
Charlie Baker, URBED
Canal Boat dwellers - water housing co-ops -
Groundswell

5.30pm **Finish**

Housing Co-op Management Seminars

11.30 **How to set up a housing co-op-**
a beginners guide.
Margaret Jones, Rainbow Housing Co-op

12.15 **Where to find help and training for housing co- operatives**
Lindsay Nixon, Trafford Hall /
Nathan Brown, Co-operatives Assistance Network

1.00 **Lunch**

2.00 **Understanding Budgets -**
a plain English guide to understanding your co-op's finances.
Blase Lambert, CCH

2.45 **Equality and Diversity -**
developing strategies.
Hamir Jesa, Leicester Housing Association

3.30 **Break**

4.00 **Audit Commission inspections -**
learning from the toolkit used for inspections
Nell Atkin, Tenant Inspection Advisor
+ *Speaker from the Audit Commission*

4.45 **Sustainability and community involvement in design**
Redditch Co-operative Homes co-operators

5.30pm **Finish**

Sunday 21st March

10.30 **Annual General Meeting**
CCH is sending out nomination forms to member organisations for the General Council members for 2004-05. CCH members are entitled to submit motions for the AGM for discussion and to be voted on by the membership. Only organisations directly affiliated to CCH can submit motions. Motions must be received at CCH office by 1st March 2004 and must be proposed and seconded by different CCH member organisations. (The motion must be signed by the Chair and Secretary of the proposer member organisation and minutes where the motion was discussed must be supplied with the motion.) The proposer to a motion will be asked to speak to the motion for a maximum of 3 minutes at the AGM and the CCH General Council will respond to the motion. A maximum of two representatives per CCH member organisation may attend the AGM only at no cost.

11.00 **The potential for expansion**
Jonathan Ellis - Chief Executive - Empty Homes Agency

11.30 **"Bringing it on" -**
a discussion of CCH priorities for 2004"

1.00 **Lunch & Departures**