

CCH/NFTMO

Annual Conference

6th – 8th May 2005



Yarnfield Park Conference Centre

Community control... still working after all these years!

The NFTMOs/CCH conference is being held at Yarnfield Park Training Centre, near Stone in the heart of the Staffordshire countryside. This venue is a modern purpose built conference centre with excellent facilities. All bedrooms are ensuite and easily accessible from the main building via a covered walkway. There are lifts to all upper floor rooms.

There are a maximum number of conference places available and we would suggest booking early to avoid disappointment. We are arranging crèche facilities for children up to the age of 12, but we will need to know by 15th April if you wish to bring children.

The closing date for applications is 22nd April. We regret that bookings may only be cancelled prior to 22nd April. The full price for the conference will be charged subsequent to that date.

To book your place at the conference, please complete the enclosed booking form*. On receipt of your booking form, we will send you an invoice for the amount payable. We will require full conference fees to be paid prior to the conference.

Return completed booking forms to:
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Yarnfield Park Conference Centre, Stone, Staffordshire

Keynote Speakers

Professor Anne Power
London School of Economics
Sarah Webb
Director, Chartered Institute of Housing
Richard Clark
Chair, National Housing Federation
Pauline Green
Chief Executive, The Co-operative Union
Jeff Zitron
Hacas Chapman Hendy
Terry Edis
Chair, National Federation of TMOs
Nic Bliss
Chair, Confederation of Co-operative Housing

Plus:

- a showcase of community controlled projects
- a range of workshops on both practical and policy issues relating to housing co-operatives and tenant management organisations
- opportunities to network with other groups and key players in the community controlled housing sector

Community control – still working after all these years.

Rarely can there have been a more important time for members and supporters of housing co-ops and tenant management organisations to meet together:

- to learn from others and improve the way we work
- to get inspiration from achievements and success stories
- to strengthen our network and support each other
- to promote the role of community controlled housing in government policies

Whilst the rest of the housing world seems to be drifting towards ever larger and more remote municipal housing, we in the community controlled housing sector know about the importance of a strong local community and the vital role it plays in meeting the aspirations of ordinary people. There have been some interesting developments over the last few years,

particularly around new models for community ownership of rented housing, that may herald a new dawn where more tenants and communities can make decisions for themselves about their homes and neighbourhoods.

But we also know that there are major challenges that face us in the community controlled housing sector. Politicians and the mainstream housing world seem not to understand the importance of the message we bring. Government support for community controlled initiatives, despite all party support for the transfer of power to communities, seems to be dipping to its lowest ebb since the 1960s. Faced with this growing political inertia, some community controlled organisations have been facing difficult challenges about how they move forward.

This joint Confederation of Co-operative Housing/National Federation of Tenant Management Organisations Annual Conference will be a key forum where we

can discuss how to improve the way we operate and the future of community controlled housing.

The conference will offer a great range of workshops and plenaries on both policy and practical issues. This is a conference that is run for and by tenants and members of housing co-ops and tenant management organisations. We also welcome other housing practitioners who support the principles of tenant control and community self-help. Come along and be inspired!



Workshops

- 01. Community Control - A beginners guide**
Margaret Jones – Rainbow Housing Co-op;
Roy Read – Bloomsbury EMB
- 02. All those legal questions you were just dying to ask**
Carol Matthews - Wright Hassall
- 03. Business Planning for TMOs and Co-ops**
John Frankis – Acclaim Consulting
- 04. Community controlled stock transfer**
Terry Edis – Watmos Housing Co-op;
Tony Cox – Beechwood & Ballantyne EMB;
Trevor Bell – National Federation of TMOs
- 05. What do you do if it's all going wrong?**
Ursula Barrington – BCHS;
Paul Lusk – Partners in Change
- 06. New ways of allocating our homes**
Chris Brown PEP; Rose Mathers –
Winyates Housing Co-op
- 07. Working with your Management Agreement – old & new**
Liz Michael - PPCR; Linda Oliver - ODPM
- 08. Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour**
Deborah Illott – the Housing Corporation;
Sue Roach – Preston Community Gateway;
Mark Lolley – Bloomsbury EMB
- 09. Managing contracts & tendering processes**
To be confirmed
- 10. Working with housing associations**
Fola Ogunjobi – National Housing Federation;
Stuart Masters – Watmos Housing Co-op
- 11. Community Land Trusts & mutual homeownership**
David Rodgers – CDS Co-operatives;
Charlie Baker - Urbed
- 12. Tenant Management & ALMOs**
Gerard Caulker - London Borough of Lambeth
Steve Kerley - Godwin & Crowndale TMC
- 13. Employing Staff – avoiding & dealing with problems**
To be confirmed
- 14. Community Control – strength through working together?**
Blase Lambert – Akroydon East TMO;
Jon Stevens – BCHS
- 15. Improving governance for an effective and democratic organisation.**
Tom Hopkins – First Call
- 16. He who pays the piper calls the tune – understanding budgets**
Pauline Duckhouse – Twin Crescents TMO
- 17. Community Gateway**
Nic Bliss – 20/20 Housing Co-op;
Karen Sarratt/Andy Lee – Preston Gateway Tenant Committee
- 18. Setting up leasehold housing co-ops**
Carl Taylor – Redditch Co-operative Homes
- 19. TMOs and the Council – making the relationship work**
Chris Girlow – Wisewood EMB;
Laura Sullivan – LACOG
- 20. Keeping in Touch with our Tenants**
John Frankis – Acclaim Consulting
- 21. Encouraging diversity**
To be confirmed
- 22. Neighbourhood Management – where do TMOs and co-ops fit in?**
Richard Crossley – Neighbourhood Renewal Unit (tbc)
- 23. Looking down from on high – TMOs & tower blocks**
To be confirmed
- 24. Energy efficiency & community control**
Phil Beardmore - Balsall Heath Housing Co-op
- 25. Study trip**
Twin Crescents TMO and Paddock Housing Co-op, Walsall

Friday 6th May		2.00 - 3.15	workshop sessions 2
From 4.00	registration	3.15 - 3.45	break
6.00 - 8.00	buffet dinner	3.45 - 4.00	plenary session two
7.00 - 8.00	screening of community control videos		the role of the Co-operative Movement
8.00 - 8.10	welcoming address		Pauline Green
8.10 - 8.30	Professor Anne Power	4.00 - 4.45	Co-operatives UK
8.45 - 10.45	community control - the future ?		celebrating success – cameos of community controlled projects
	quiz	7.00 - 9.00	gala dinner
			after dinner speaker –
		10.00 - 2.00	Jeff Zitron – Hacas Chapman Hendy
			entertainment & late bar
Saturday 7th May		Sunday 8th May	
9.45 - 10.50	plenary session one	9.45 - 10.15	NFTMOs & CCH AGMs
	the role of community control	10.15 - 10.30	introduction
	Terry Edis	10.30 - 11.15	the community control manifesto
	National Federation of TMOs		discussion groups – what changes are needed in the way we work and in the world we work in?
	Nic Bliss	11.15 - 11.45	break
	Confederation of Co-operative Housing	11.45 - 1.00	workshop sessions 3
	Richard Clark	1.00 - 2.00	lunch
	National Housing Federation		
	Sarah Webb		
	Chartered Institute of Housing		
10.50 - 11.15	celebrating success – cameos of community controlled projects		
11.15 - 11.45	break		
11.45 - 1.00	workshop sessions 1		
1.00 - 2.00	lunch		

Please note that the above is a provisional agenda and may be altered