

Action points agreed at Homes for All organising meeting, 12th January 2019

SHELTER REPORT

Welcome and one major additional demand, and combine recommendations with the key demands from H4A summit (including importance of direct labour). Use these in a campaign Charter which we call on politicians to support, possibly through a public launch, public meetings and election hustings.

There is room for improvement in the report including fudging on council housing, and not addressing service charges, demolitions and ballots. But the key is getting the report implemented.

Write to Shelter along lines of the above points (ideally within 10 days, to allow for further discussion).

The Report and our Charter could also form basis of resolutions to union and party conferences. In future, possible sector-wide conference on housing involving more unions and others.

UNION INVOLVEMENT IN HOUSING CAMPAIGNS

Support of London, East and South East Region TUC welcome: H4A will be at their conference on 19th Jan.

GRENFELL SILENT MARCH

With agreement of local groups, we will organise to encourage housing groups to attend regularly. Very important to keep supporting and encouraging attendance, including by unions (with banners), particularly as public inquiry is now adjourned indefinitely.

HEALTH AND HOUSING SPECIAL CONFERENCE 30th MARCH

Outline plan, based partly on discussion at meeting, below. Comments welcome and to be sent to Glyn (glynrobbins@aol.com). Facebook page will be put up and shared.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND CHAIR

Saturday 9th (now 16th) February 11am - 1pm, Unite Moreland Street, Julie to chair.

BAD HOUSING MAKES US SICK

Saturday 30th March 2019 Unite, Moreland Street

Key aims - bring housing and health campaigners together to discuss joint action to raise profile of toxic link between bad housing and bad health, including more pressure on politicians and unions.

Opening comments - Dawn Foster, The Guardian (invited), Prof. Michael Marmot ("The Health Gap"), Ruth Du Plessis (public health). DPAC, Shelter...

Supporting/contributing groups - Unite the Union (housing, doctors, community), Unison, NEU, Shelter, DPAC, BMA, Generation Rent, Trussell Trust, Socialist Health Assoc, Hazards, Fuel Poverty Action, Justice for Grenfell...

Possible workshops - "The Dangers of Homelessness", "Stopping Universal Credit", "The Impact on Children", "Housing Crisis - Mental Health Crisis", "The Trauma of Demolition and Displacement", "The Fight for Safe, Warm Homes", "Conditions for private renters"...

Feedback from Workshops - with shadow ministers for housing and health to be invited.

Possible action - Statement for use in resolutions to LP/union conferences, 'Die In' to remember those who die because of our failing housing system...