

Homes for All/ Axe the Housing Act meeting 13.1.2018 – action agreed

1 Glyn to update the Autumn Briefing to give latest position with existing proposals in the Housing Act, and also include further key housing issues including demolition threats. Please let Glyn know if you wish to comment on the draft.

Labour Social Housing Review. Agreed to submit the Autumn Briefing as the AHA response. Peter O’Kane to check if anything needs to be added – and circulate a redraft if so.

2. Following on from the Housing Summit we will focus action on:

- Universal Credit : stop and scrap
- Justice for Grenfell and the right to a healthy and safe home, including but not limited to fire safety.
- Estate demolitions and redevelopment
- Private renters rights

Universal Credit.

- Eileen and Emily from H4A have joined email group with DPAC and others, to plan action. Tanya will link up Cris at SGTO. We will circulate motion for TUs; Jenny K will share motion for CLPs. Mick Patrick also want to be involved. Others can join to help organise.
- National day of Action is proposed for 1st March 2018 (date to be confirmed). We will support and get involved. A key demand is the call for ‘no evictions’ where people get into debt as a result of the changeover to UC.
- Waltham Forest campaign guide listing action by councils across London will be passed on to Roger for circulation (PeterO).

Justice for Grenfell (AHA role to support calls by local groups):

- Several people plus banner to attend Silent Walk 14 Jan
- Public meeting 1st February 7pm at Maxila Social Club, 2 Maxilla Walk, W10 6NQ, with Emma Dent Coad MP, Matt Wrack FBU, DCH
- Grenfell Inquiry resumes on 30.1.2018. If a lobby is called we will support with banners.
- We will support a national demonstration is being considered for around the anniversary of the fire (14.6.2017).

Safe and Healthy Homes

We will coordinate with FBU, Hazards campaign, Shelter and others, on production of a simple guidelines and contacts for tenants, on fire and other safety and health at home. FBU have produced new guidance on sprinkler systems. Phoebe agreed to produce a first draft.

Anti-Demolition Campaigns

Glyn to draft a ‘postcard’ with basic ideas and contacts for tenants on estates threatened with demolition; Peter and Tanya to comment on draft.

Private Renters

We support move to create a London renters Union, initially focused on Newham. We encourage all tenant groups and campaigners, particularly in East London, to support the ‘door knocking’ exercise starting on 15th January:

Door knocking in Forest Gate South, every Monday, Tuesday and Saturday during the weeks starting January 15: Mondays and Tuesdays, afternoon session starting at 3:45pm and an evening session

starting at 5:45pm. Saturday sessions will start at 11am.
Door knocking in other parts of Newham in February and March. Contact:
coordinator@londonretersunion.org

Camilla will email LRU to suggest possible links to the large number of PRS tenants living on Council and Housing Association estates.

3. Support and spread the word re 16 Jan: Genesis and NHH tenants protests; Peabody and Family Mosaic meeting; lobby Haringey 5.30pm; Southwark 4.30pm.

4. We need to divide up key tasks among other group. Answering the general emails will rotate on a three monthly basis – Glyn agreed to do first three months.

Updating the website. Tom will continue to lead on this, and will co-ordinate with two volunteers who came forward at the Summit.

5. Camilla will send her draft info, for a leaflet produced with Stand Up to Racism exposing the myths that immigrants are to blame for the housing crisis. We will do a stall at SUTR conference 10 Feb.

6. Next meeting 17 February.