

Homes for All national organising meeting 20 June 2020

1. Circulate survey on disproportionate impact of Covid-19 on Bangladeshi community.

https://www.britbanglacovid.com/2020/06/function-var-qsjsqsddocument-gid_11.html

Ripon Ray needs 500 survey respondents, and is collecting stories: let him know if you can help (contact Ripon via info@homesforall.co.uk). See website www.britbanglacovid.com

2. Empty homes

- Southwark group having a **protest on Tuesday 23rd June 6pm** outside Maydew House, Aspinden Road SE16 2DW; a block of council homes empty for 5 years - see <https://www.facebook.com/events/684083215704867/>
- **poster** you can download (and adapt) for use on empty properties in your own area. Please take a **photo** of this and put on social media and/or send to **Tanya** #requisitionemptyhomes
- **Everyone Sign Southwark petition** on empty homes https://www.change.org/p/southwark-council-southwark-council-stop-demolitions-and-requisition-empty-homes?use_react=false
- **Use open letter or petition** as model for our own local area. Contact **Tanya** (southwarkdch@gmail.com) for more details.
- **FocusE15 protest Saturday 27th June 5pm** from Brimstone house, Victoria Street E15 4NZ (5 min walk from Stratford station) to Carpenters estate with socially distanced human chain to highlight 400 EMPTY homes on Carpenters Estate <https://en-gb.facebook.com/focuse15/> .

3. London renters union day of action Saturday 27th June: can't pay won't pay

<https://londonrentersunion.org/cantpaywontpay/get-involved/>

4. Safety

Thousands still living in unsafe housing, including exteriors and also interior eg inadequate fire doors. **Create umbrella network** across social/private tenants and leaseholders. Contact **Eileen** to get involved. Micro Homes-for-all safety group: **Eileen, Ben Valerie**
Contact Clive Betts, chair of Parliamentary housing select committee, which is pursuing this issue

5. Lobby politicians

- **Write to housing minister** Robert Jenrick – a model letter on the Homes for All website so you can use this, and add your story and views. <http://www.axethehousingact.org.uk/news/letter-to-jenrick-model-letter/>

- **Submit view to Labour on housing**

Homes for All to submit comments to Labour's National Policy Forum by 30 June (www.policyforum.labour.org.uk) about investment in 100,000 new council homes, as in last manifesto; plus safety, remove lockdown rent burden, homelessness etc. **Glyn**

- **New All party parliamentary group for ending homelessness:** <https://www.crisis.org.uk/ending-homelessness/appg-for-ending-homelessness/>

6. Social media: Glyn, Ben Debbie, Valerie to co-ordinate social media tweets: get in touch if you can be part of this. Eg currently retweet about NHG (below) include **@NHGhousing** in tweet

7. Notting Hill Genesis (NHG) group in Brixton start contacting other NHG residents elsewhere to support and collectivise their actions: **Fred talk to Suz, Molly & Tim.**

8. Next meeting 4 July