

## Homes for All Summit Workshops - Actions 20/02/2021

### **Workshop 1 Fair benefits and Universal Credit (with Ellen Clifford DPAC, Kelly Tomlinson Unite Community SE and Martin Cavanagh DWP chair, PCS union)**

#### **Action/s:**

- Retain & make permanent the £20 uplift on UC & Working Tax Credit and extend this to legacy benefits.
- Scrap the 5 week wait and scrutinise sanctions. Need a Benefit system overhaul and improved departmental communication.
- Write to MPs ahead of the Spring Budget (see attached template).
- Support Day of Action 3<sup>rd</sup> March on Budget Day

### **Workshop 2 Justice for Grenfell and safe homes for all (with Matt Wrack Fire Brigades Union, Nick Burton, Bereaved Survivor)**

#### **Action/s:**

- National Day of Action on Housing on the 14<sup>th</sup> of an agreed month
- Use all social media platforms, poster vans and socially distanced protest to name and shame contractors including Arconic, Kingspan, Celotex and Rydon
- Emphasis on building support across the networks

### **Workshop 3 Housing Associations: Tenants and workers united (with Unite housing workers branch, Social Housing Action Group, Fuel Poverty Action)**

#### **Action/s**

- Uniting HA Residents, HA staff and the Trade Union and Labour Movement to start exposing Housing Association's failures to protect and serve residents, and secure greater control over how they operate

### **Workshop 4 Changing the planning system for good (Jerry Flynn, Southwark 35% campaign, Duncan Bowie University of Westminster, Prof Sue Brownill Oxford Brookes University)**

#### **Action/s**

- Shaping a plan of objection to halt this "Developers Charter".
- Build a broad-based National campaign on planning similar to 2016 Housing Bill campaign

### **Workshop 5 Filling the Empties (Tanya Murat, Southwark Defend Council Housing, Will McMahon Action on Empty Homes, Jon Glakin Streets Kitchen, Sam Burgum Author, Kate Ewart Labour Campaign for Council Housing Cornwall, Candy Udwin former squatter Tolmers Square Camden, PCS NEC)**

#### **Action/s**

- To build a national campaign and day of action sourcing who owns the empty homes.
- For HfA to consider adopting AEH policies on empty homes – see attached document.

**Workshop 6 Homelessness & Fighting Evictions (with Tom Zakaria, Labour Homelessness Campaign, Allison Fewtrell from Greater Manchester Tenants Union)**

**Action/s**

- Local authorities carry out a public audit of accommodation and means test landlords.
- Support Budget Day of Action in March, and develop 5-point plan leaflet for the day (i.e. S21, IH, evictions etc.)

**Workshop 7 Building the Homes we Need (with Owen Hatherley author, Becky Winson New Economics Foundation, Ben Clay Greater Manchester Tenants Union, LCCH)**

**Action/s**

- Scrap Right to Buy
- Grant funding to build social housing
- Bring Direct Labour back in house, cut costs and create apprenticeships

**Workshop 8 Building Student Rent Strikes (with student rent strikers)**

**Action/s**

- Building unity and solidarity with tutors, Housing groups, and the Trade Union movement
- Highlighting issues impacting on students such as tuition fees and rents.