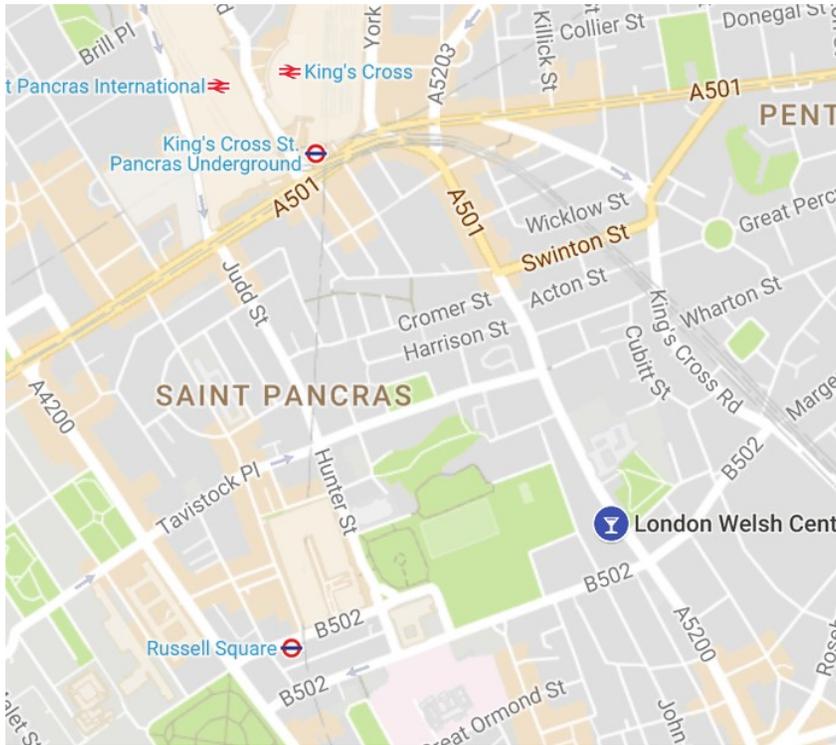


CONFERENCE VENUE

LONDON WELSH CENTRE 157-163 GRAY'S INN ROAD, LONDON WC1X 8UE



The London Welsh Centre is about 10 / 12 minutes walk from Russell Square and a bit longer from Kings Cross Station. If you find it difficult to walk this far, take the 45 bus from just outside Kings Cross station. This goes along Greys Inn Road towards Holborn Circus. Get off at the Guilford Street stop (just a few stops from the station) and you will see the London Welsh Centre on the other side of the road.

Invitation to A TENANT-LED CONFERENCE

For social housing tenants, TRAs, TMOs and Co-ops

LINKING THE LOCAL TO THE LONDON-WIDE

**SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER
9.30AM – 3.30PM
LONDON WELSH CENTRE
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LONDON WC1X 8UE**

This conference will build on the success of our 2016 *post-Housing and Planning Act* conference, which brought together the largest number of mainstream London social housing tenant representatives than had occurred in many years.

We will provide updates on our work since last year, look at changing perspectives since the Grenfell disaster, some of the key issues for tenants at the local level and links London-wide, including the draft London Housing Strategy.

Refreshments, including a buffet lunch, will be provided. Let us know if you have any special dietary requirements.

The conference is free, **but booking is essential**, through:

LTF INFO@LONDONTENANTS.ORG,
LFHC LONDONFED@GMAIL.COM OR
NFTMO CONTACT@NFTMO.COM



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AGENDA

- 9.30 **Registration and refreshments**
- 10.00 **Welcome:** Nick Reynolds, National Federation of TMOs
- 10.10 **Opening Speakers:**
- Pat Turnbull, London Tenants Federation: *Feedback & update since last years' conference and why the London Mayor's Housing Strategy is important to us.*
 - Frances Clarke, National Tower Block Network: *Tower block issues for social housing tenants, post-Grenfell*
 - Greg Robbins, London Federation of Housing Co-ops: *Communities development housing in London.*
- 10.45 **Q & A with speakers**
- 11.00 **Tea and Coffee break**
- 11.15 **Workshops**
- 12.15 **Buffet lunch**
- 13.00 **Speakers**
- James Clark, Senior Manager, Housing Strategy, Housing and Land, Greater London Authority: *(i) The draft London Housing Strategy and (ii) The Community Hub.*
 - Nick Reynolds, NFTMO and Andy Bates, Leather Market JMB: *Setting things straight about TMOs, post Grenfell and looking at positive examples.*
- 14.00 **Workshops**
- 15.10 **Plenary** - feedback and key points from workshops
- 15.30 **Close and clear up and out by 16.00**

WORKSHOPS AM

1. **Issues for housing association tenants.** Housing associations are increasingly unaccountable, seeing themselves as big businesses expanding the provision of market housing. What has been the effect of this and other developments on housing association tenants and what can we do about it?
2. **Estate Regeneration:** the London Tenants Federation's publication *'holding on to the homes we have now and why'* has exposed the real results for tenants of the estate 'regeneration' programme. Where do we go from here?

3. **Success stories in community-led development.** Community groups have been promised support in developing new housing. Pie in the Sky or reality? We will look at groups who have been actually doing this, whether the properties are completed or still at planning stage and whether more can do the same.
4. **Tower block issues, post Grenfell.**
5. **Communications** How do we give social housing tenants a louder and more effective voice? How do we influence decision-makers? We will look at both mass media (TV, radio, press) and social media.
Short-life Housing. This workshop will consider how (or if) short-life co-ops should change their message to be offered more properties, as they were in the past. With such high demand for single peoples' housing, wouldn't this be a positive way to support them?

WORKSHOPS PM

7. **Keeping homes warm and damp free.** The draft London Housing Strategy talks of 'protecting London's affordable homes'. This workshop will look at some of the practical ways we can maintain and keep the properties that we have.
8. **Developing community-led homes with the GLA** This will be a practical workshop, investigating how tenant-led groups can work with the GLA and the new community land hub to propose and develop new properties in London.
9. **The draft London Housing Strategy .** This workshop will look at some of the key issues, including 'affordable' housing, overcrowding, density levels and meeting diverse housing needs, including families, older and young people. We will look points to include in a model response for tenants groups.
10. **In for the long haul, sustaining your TMO.** We will look at maintaining good tenant involvement and dealing with 'those' difficult personalities
11. **A tenant's think-tank.** We have agreed to establish a 'think tank' to develop papers on (i) 'promoting participatory democracy in tenant involvement' and 'achieving a positive future for social not-for-profit housing'. This workshop will start the discussion on these.
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