

RIGHT HOUSING RIGHT PEOPLE RIGHT CHOICES

One Day Conference

Monday 19th February 2007
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Glasgow

THE GLASGOW CENTRE FOR INCLUSIVE LIVING

Glasgow CIL is a user-controlled organisation committed to promoting inclusive living by assisting disabled people to challenge barriers and make informed choices. We do this by delivering a range of high quality services that aim to equip disabled people with the information, skills, and support necessary to control our own lives.

GCIL is the most successful user led disability organisation in Scotland



RIGHT PEOPLE, RIGHT HOUSING, RIGHT CHOICES

In Scotland it is estimated there is a need for 230,000 additional properties suitable for disabled people and their families. Research indicates there are 62,000 households requiring specially adapted baths or showers and an additional 8000 households who need a ramp. In Glasgow GCIL Accessible Housing Solutions currently has a waiting list of over 400 disabled people in housing need.

GCIL Accessible Housing Solutions has been working to tackle the chronic housing problem in Glasgow by gathering information on people's needs, information on accessible properties, and developing data-bases to enable faster and more efficient matching of people to properties.



This one-day event in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Glasgow will showcase examples of best practice by GCIL Accessible Housing Solutions, and will be the official launch of its new online accessible housing register for disabled people. The conference will provide a great opportunity to learn and network with your peers throughout Scottish Housing, and with a programme offering keynote plenaries, interactive skill based sessions and exchange sessions there will be something for everyone to learn and take back to the workplace.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Directors of Housing Associations and Co-Ops
Housing Managers
Social Works Services – Senior Staff

Senior Health Board Staff
Development and Regeneration Services Staff
Private Sector Developers
Local Councillors

PROGRAMME DETAILS

9.00 Conference Registration

9.30 Welcome by chair

Andrew Reid – AMR Consultancy Services

9.35 Plenary

Equality of housing opportunity – still a distant dream?

With Des McNulty – Deputy Minister for Communities, Jacqui Watt – Chief Executive, SFHA, Bill Grant – Citrus Mind, Grant Carson – GCIL. Followed by a Q&A session.

11.00 Tea, coffee and exhibition viewing

11.30 Workshops

1. Glasgow City Council's Perspective

Dennis Rodgers – Housing Manager, Glasgow City Council.

An outline of Glasgow City Council's approach to improving housing provision for disabled people in Glasgow. Dennis will cover in particular the shift of Social housing investment resources towards particular needs housing, setting of targets and quotas for wheelchair users in new social and private housing projects, use of the new Homestake scheme and improvements in the delivery of adaptations.

2. The HOMESTAKE Scheme

Richard Hamer – Director, Ownership Options
Ownership Options was successful in ensuring that the needs of disabled people with particular housing needs are met through the Homestake scheme.

The workshop will explain how the scheme differs for disabled people and in which circumstances additional support is available. It will also highlight why such assistance is required, using case examples to illustrate this.

3. Equipment Adaptation in Scotland

Susan Buckle – Scottish Executive

An overview of equipment and adaptations agenda in Scotland.

4. Accessible Housing Solutions (AHS) Innovative Housing Solutions for Disabled People

Karen Anne Doherty & Doreen Hollywood – GCIL

As Housing Advisers, we have to be able to look at every possible housing option for our clients including adaptations, or moving to another house (social rented, private rented and owner occupation). The current shortage of over 4000 wheelchair standard and level access properties in Glasgow means finding an accessible property to rent or buy can be a difficult, lengthy and frustrating process. This workshop will highlight innovative case studies where AHS has worked with housing providers and disabled people to find the right house for the right person at the right time.

5. Professional Careers in Housing

John Speirs – GCIL

This workshop will explore /discuss the work done by GCIL to assist disabled people into employment and will highlight innovative case studies utilising a positive action programme called GCIL Professional Careers.

12.30 Lunch

1.45 Plenary

Equality of Housing Opportunity in Glasgow

Michael Lennon – Chief Executive, Glasgow Housing Association

2.15 Workshops Repeated

3.15 Tea, coffee and exhibition viewing

3.45 Closing Plenary Debate and Q&A The Way Forward

Richard Hamer – Director, Ownership Options
Grant Carson – GCIL

Bill Grant – Citrus Mind

Susan Buckle – Policy Officer, Scottish Executive

Dennis Rodgers – Housing Manager, Glasgow City Council

4.30 Conference End

Please note that the programme is subject to change, any alterations will be posted on the Big Bright Star website – www.bigbrightstar.com

Personal Details

Please photocopy this form for additional bookings from your organisation if sending hard copy booking form.

Name _____ Job Title _____

Organisation _____

Address _____

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Conference fees

I would like to book places at a cost of £125.

Or call to pay by Credit Card on 01563 822255

Team Discount – £10 per person for bookings of 4 or more people

Payment please enter total payment

I enclose a cheque made payable to 'Glasgow Centre for Inclusive Living' £ _____

Sessions

Please enter number of preferred sessions as listed on previous pages.

Time	Workshop				
11.30 – 12.30					
2.15 – 3.15					

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