

WIDENING ACCESS TO THE PRS



promoting equality in housing
hybu cydraddoldeb ym maes tai

Programme

10:00 **R E G I S T R A T I O N**

10:30 **Welcome and Introduction | Nazia Azad-Warren, Event Chair**

Nazia, former Project Manager for Tai Pawb's and RLA's Open Doors Project, will introduce the event. This session will also feature the launch of Tai Pawb's Open Doors **PRS Engagement Guide** for Public and Third Sector organisations, sharing lessons learnt in the past two years of the PRS focused Open Doors Project.

10:45 **Widening access to PRS in Wales | Matthew Hall, Welsh Government**

Matthew will update us on plans related to the Welsh Government-supported Private Sector Leasing Scheme which aims to make better use of the PRS for vulnerable groups. Matthew will explore issues such as engaging the PRS, incentives, support and partnership working, including working together across homelessness and supporting people.

11:20 **Housing First & PRS | Alex Osmond, Cymorth Cymru**

In his new post, Alex will be helping to embed Housing First across Wales. He will draw together examples of good practice, including working with the PRS as well as looking at challenges and lessons for the wider sector.

12:00 **L U N C H**

12:40 **Healthy Homes, Healthy People | Jo Seymour, Warm Wales**

Jo will bring innovative thinking and examples of how the Healthy Homes, Healthy People project engages with PRS landlords, tenants and partners to tackle fuel poverty, reduce health inequalities and improve the wellbeing of vulnerable and diverse tenants.

13:20 **Housing Vulnerable People in PRS | Byron Jones, Caerphilly Council (TBC)**

Byron will showcase how his local authority engages and works with private landlords to help prevent and tackle homelessness; be ready for innovative practice and lessons for the wider social sector

14:00 **B R E A K (PTO)**

14:20 Secure tenancies: Panel | Jennie Bibbings, Shelter Cymru;

Douglas Haig, RLA Wales; Bethan James, Rent Smart Wales

The speakers will discuss and debate issues related to security of tenure in the private rented sector, including the latest legislative proposals on 'no fault' evictions and the challenges and improvements these might bring, as well as the potential impact on diverse private and social housing tenants and providers.

15:00 TAI PAWB LABORATORY OF IDEAS

Get ready to discuss and debate the ideas from the day, generate new ones and put your knowledge into practice through working through case studies with other participants.

15:40 Closing Remarks