

# Programme

- 09.30 Registration
- 10.00 Welcome  
Right Worshipful Mayor of Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council  
Councillor Uel Makin
- 10.10 Opening Remarks  
Colm McDaid, Supporting Communities

*AM Chairperson: Gráinne Walsh Housing Rights Chair*

## **Session 1: Promoting Wellbeing through community planning**

- 10.20 Housing and Wellbeing  
Martyn Evans, Carnegie UK Trust
- 10.40 The role of government in promoting wellbeing and tackling housing challenges  
Louise Warde Hunter, Department for Communities
- 11:00 Q&A
- 11:15 Coffee Break

## **Session 2: Rising to the challenge**

- 11:30 Promoting collaboration through community planning-the role of local government  
Karen Smyth, NILGA
- 11:50 Vibrant Communities-lessons from Scotland  
Katie Kelly, East Ayrshire Council
- 12:10 Re-thinking Engagement:Lessons from home and opportunities ahead  
Dr Louise O'Kane, Community Places NI
- 12:30 Q&A
- 13:00 Lunch

*PM Chairperson: Lorraine Campbell, Supporting Communities*

## **Session 3: Practical responses-engaging on the ground**

- 14:00 Using the right evidence to make sure we build homes for those that need them  
Elma Newberry, NIHE
- 14:20 Involving people, residents and the community  
Lesley Baird, TPAS Scotland
- 14:40 Case study: Lisburn & Castlereagh Council Housing Liason Forum  
Councillor Nathan Anderson, Lisburn & Castlereagh Council
- 15:00 Q&A/Panel discussion  
Session speakers joined by Tersea McCloskey, Apex and Louise Moore, Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council, David Patterson, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
- 15:30 Closing remarks  
Janet Hunter, Housing Rights
- 15:40 Close

Community Planning offers a unique opportunity to realise better housing outcomes and promote wellbeing for people in Northern Ireland. Housing Rights and Supporting Communities, in collaboration with Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council are holding a one day conference which will focus on how working together can meet housing challenges

### **The conference will:**

- Address the need for this work at a Programme for Government and wider policy level.
- Hear from local government, housing and other agencies about their experiences in this area.
- Look at practical examples of initiatives already embracing this opportunity.

### **Who should attend?**

- Local Government
- Social housing providers
- Planners
- Statutory agencies
- Community groups

**Delegate rate: £120**  
**Community/resident group rate: £50**

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