



APSE Summer Housing Seminar Series

Breaking New Ground: Innovative Local Authority Solutions for Homelessness



Wednesday 3 June 2026
Microsoft Teams



Programme

10:00 Session One

A Multi Agency Model for Supporting Rough Sleepers

- Strengthening outcomes through an enhanced multidisciplinary team
- Developing an integrated hub based infrastructure
- Prioritising proactive, early stage prevention

Natasha Rowland, Rough Sleeper Coordinator, North Devon Council

System Wide Prevention in Edinburgh

- Applying the "Ask and Act" model to identify risks earlier
- Coordinating a consortium of local and national partners
- Funding approaches and implementation learning

Jill Thomson, Housing and Homelessness Strategy Manager, Edinburgh City Council

Camden and Chester Road £19 m hostels for homeless families

- Making the case for the development of two new hostels
- Ambitions of the £19 million project
- How the development will benefit the council and wider community

Simone Melia, Head of Housing Solutions, London Borough of Camden

Audience question and answer session

11:15 Comfort break

11:30 Session Two

Abbey Lodge: Conversion to Temporary Accommodation

- Transforming a former student village to expand temporary housing
- Aligning the project with Derby City Council's broader homelessness strategy
- Delivering measurable impact for families in crisis

Karen Brierley and Mazer Hussain, Derby City Council

Homes for Refugees: Preventing Homelessness and Supporting Inclusion

- Strengthening early intervention and forward planning
- Using the duty to refer and refined allocation policies effectively
- Enabling long term stability and community integration

Thomas Fell, Migration Team Manager, Gloucestershire County Council

Supporting refugees and people seeking asylum since 2015

- Creating an inclusive environment where individuals feel respected and supported
- Working in partnership with local organisations to deliver effective support and promote positive integration
- A forward looking Refugee and Asylum Strategy

Morag Brown, Refugee Resettlement Lead, Argyll and Bute Council

Audience question and answer session

13.00 Seminar Close

Seminar Objectives

About the Seminar

This is the second in APSE's summer series of housing seminars. Local authorities across England are facing unprecedented pressures from rising homelessness and increasing use of temporary accommodation. This seminar brings together leading practitioners to share effective, scalable approaches that are reshaping local housing responses.

Who should attend?

- Chief executives
- Elected members
- Service directors
- Housing and homelessness professionals
- Policy officers
- Trade union representatives
- Homelessness consultants
- Academic researchers

Via Microsoft Teams



Booking information

What's included?

The delegate fee covers attendance, delegates' documentation.

APSE member delegate fee: £99+ VAT

Non member delegates fee: £184 + VAT

Book to attend the 3 seminars for £198 + VAT*

**Must be the same delegate booked onto the 3 seminars*

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