



WHERE WILL WE ALL LIVE? WHERE WILL OUR CHILDREN LIVE? & HOW WILL WE AFFORD IT?

Government policy is creating a perfect storm of high private rents, insecure contracts, shortage of council homes, privatisations and sell-offs and savage benefit cuts. As a result we are seeing

- rising homelessness and eviction threats for families with children as well as single people
- dire poverty, hunger, cold and insecurity for many tenants including the elderly and those with disabilities
- a miserable future for generations who will be unable to afford a decent secure home

**Leeds Hands Off Our Homes invites you to a
Campaign Planning Day**

10.30am – 3.30pm, Sat 25th March

**Venue: Oxford Chambers,
Oxford Place, Leeds LS1 3AU**

Together, we can build a huge campaign to reverse these attacks, and push for policies which let councils build genuinely affordable, socially-rented homes, for local need instead of private profit. We can demand a benefits system which guarantees housing security as a basic right regardless of age or circumstances. We can build solidarity in our neighbourhoods and workplaces, to support those under attack.

And we can create a tide of public opinion which will be impossible for this or future governments to ignore.

More details of the day are overleaf.

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Campaign Planning Day

Who is it for?

- Tenants and claimants and their supporters
- Trade union members
- Housing workers, support workers and care workers
- Campaign groups and support groups
- Advice workers
- Party activists

In fact, anyone who is concerned about affordable housing and wants to do something about it! Why not get friends, neighbours, workmates along and bring your own ideas

Programme

Still shaping up, but we'll include presentations for information-sharing, time for questions and general discussion, and a chance to find out more about Local Authority policies for housing and benefits. Some questions for us to address:

- What will happen to thousands of Leeds tenants and their children who will face eviction or be refused tenancies because of the the new Benefit Cap?
- How will the Council and Housing Associations “manage” the arrears crisis caused by the Benefit Cap and Bedroom Tax?
- How will the Housing and Planning Act affect the Leeds council housing stock?
- Does the Housing White Paper mean the end of building for social rents?
- How will benefit cuts affect sheltered and supported housing, and how will support needs of older people and those with disabilities be met?
- What will happen to tenants and claimants when Universal Credit is rolled out?
- How will the homelessness crisis be managed by councils already cut to the bone?

Then it's over to us to get cracking with some campaign planning. Here are just a few ideas to get us started. What will you do?

- Help start a media campaign?
- Help set up a public meeting in your area?
- Organise in your union or workplace?
- Help organise a lobbying campaign?
- Join Hands Off Our Homes or another campaign group?
- Something we've never even thought of?

Practical stuff

The venue is wheelchair accessible and not far from the railway station and public car parks. It's free; tea and coffee will be provided, and we suggest you bring your own food or buy from shops nearby. We'll provide time to eat and chat!

For more info, or for flyers to give out or a speaker for your group, contact us: handsoffourhomes@gmail.com, 07930966205