



BETTER TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION FOR LONDONERS

SEPTEMBER SHOWCASE



10:30AM-4PM, 22 SEPTEMBER 2023

**LUMEN UNITED REFORM CHURCH & COMMUNITY
CENTRE, 88 TAVISTOCK PLACE, LONDON WC1H 9RS**

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WELCOME

Stays in Temporary Accommodation (TA) should be as short, safe and healthy as possible. The Better TA for Londoners programme, funded by Trust for London and Oak Foundation, supports organisations to strengthen voice, connections and influence to improve people's experience of TA.

The **September showcase** celebrates the work of the better TA for Londoners' partners towards achieving this goal. We're celebrating their insights and achievements, in a space designed for solidarity. We hope you enjoy this unique opportunity to network with colleagues from both London communities and policy makers, united in wanting to see change.



Susie Dye, housing lead, Trust for London

EXPLORE

Visit the gallery throughout the day to view work by funded partners, join a specially designed activity by Wild Pear CIC, and add your name to a call for Government action.

In room 2, films from our funded partners will be shown on loop throughout the day.

Guests are welcome to make use of the garden and the sensory space (the white funnel) within the main room.

EAT & DRINK

Refreshments will be served in the café space next to the Tavistock Street entrance. A buffet lunch is being provided by Fika, a B-Corp social enterprise with a focus on fresh, seasonal, local food.

PROGRAMME

All sessions will be in the main space, unless otherwise stated.

10:30-11:00	Arrival and refreshments
11:00-11:15	Welcome and introduction <i>Alex Sutton, director of grants, Trust for London</i>
11:15-12:05	What it's like to be in TA: launch of new research <i>Groundswell</i>
12:05 - 12:10	Introduction to next session
12:10-13:00	Main space Partnership insights #1: working with council colleagues <i>Justlife, Z2k, Gill Taylor and Rebecca Towers</i> Room 2: Films plus Q&A <i>Creating Ground, London Gypsies & Travellers</i>

LUNCH

14:00- 14:05	Introduction to next session
14:05-14:55	Main space: Partnership insights #2: public health and TA <i>Magpie Project, South West London Law Centre</i> Room 1: Young people spotlight, <i>Shelter</i>
14:55-15:05	Introduction to next session
15:05-15:50	What's it like to be in TA: x3 pieces of new community-led research <i>CHERA, London Gypsies & Travellers, Positive East</i>
15:50-16:00	Closing remarks

Featured organisations



Central Hill Residents Association (CHERA) is a residents group living on an estate facing demolition in Lambeth. The association works with TA residents to identify and represent their needs.

Creating Ground works with women from migrant backgrounds across South East London, using creativity and the arts to promote awareness, learning and sharing.



Golden Opportunities Skills and Development uses participatory and person-centred approaches in supporting and advocating for and with marginalised individuals. Based in Southall, they are researching the impact of TA on their communities.

Groundswell works with people with experience of homelessness to help create solutions. The team has co-created research into people's experiences of TA, health and homelessness



Justlife works with people living in TA in Manchester and Brighton. Their Temporary Accommodation Action Groups (TAAGs) aim to amplify TA residents' voices and enable them to influence for change.

London Gypsies & Travellers supports Gypsies and Travellers living in London to seek greater control over their lives, more influence on the decisions that affect them, more opportunities and an end to everyday discrimination.

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Magpie Project works with mums and young children in TA in Newham and nearby boroughs. The project provides services and support, building trusted relationships and raising public awareness.



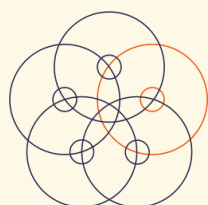
Positive East supports people living with HIV in East London, and has researched the impact of living in TA for people living with HIV to produce recommendations for local councils.

Shelter is dedicated to tackling the causes of the housing emergency, helping those caught up in it, and campaigning for everyone's right to a safe home. Still Living in Limbo (published March 2023), profiled findings of a survey of 1,000 people living in TA across England.



South West London Law Centre provides free legal advice and representation to people on low incomes. The team campaign on behalf of and with TA tenants in Wandsworth, and have developed a tool to assist tenants to self-assess suitability.

Z2K challenges injustices in the social welfare and housing systems, advocating for adequate, stable income and housing to create a more equal society.



Wild Pear CIC uses art and design practices to enable change. The team works with research and change agencies leading research, co-design sessions, and the creation and delivery of catalyst events, projects and tools.

Gill Taylor and **Rebecca Towers** have been commissioned by Trust for London to conduct research on local authorities' policies and practices in relation to TA. Both have experience working in local government on homelessness and community partnerships.



Trust for London

To sign a call for government action on TA, go to bit.ly/TAOpenLetter, or scan the QR code:



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