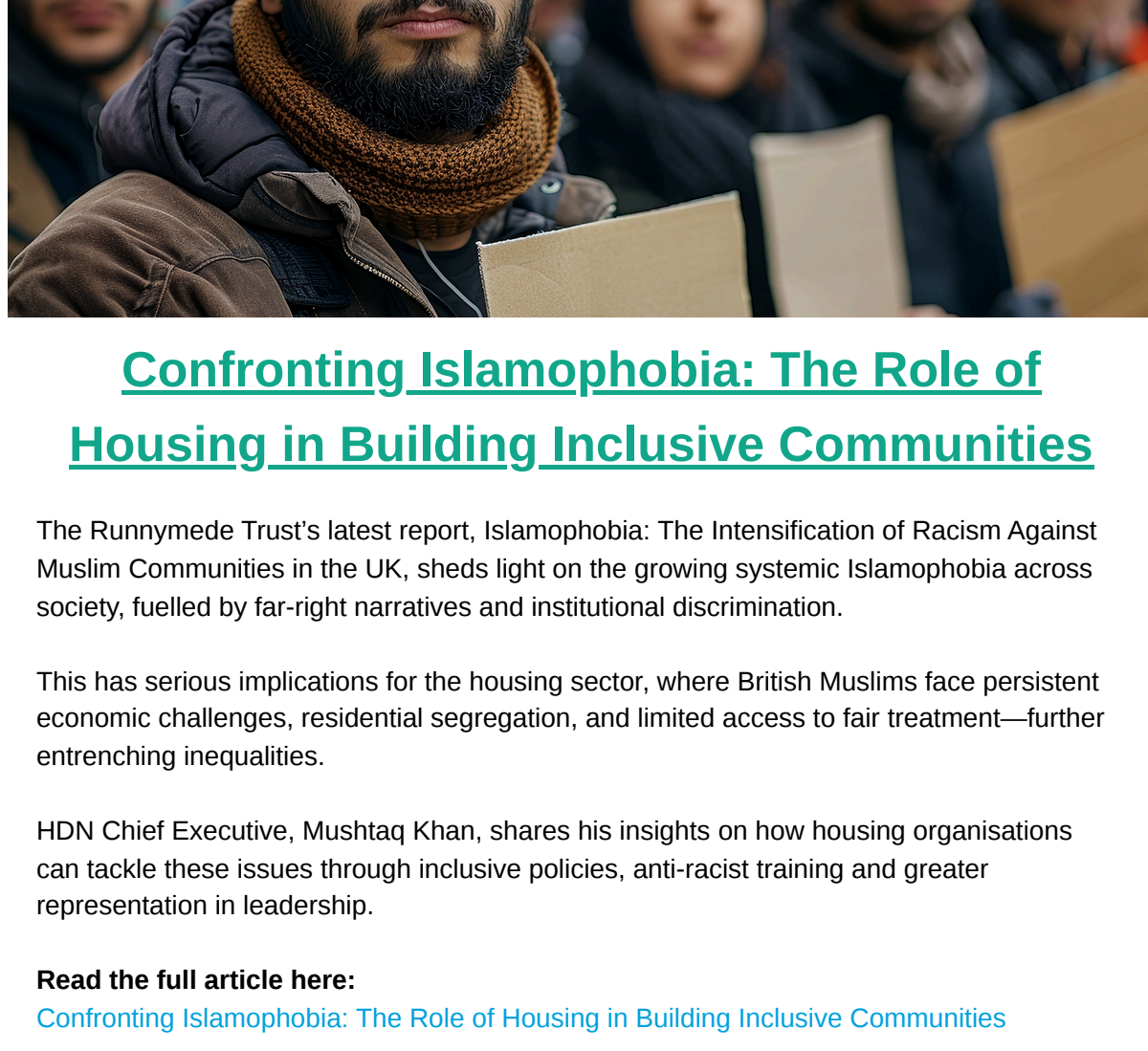


NEWSLETTER



[Confronting Islamophobia: The Role of Housing in Building Inclusive Communities](#)

The Runnymede Trust's latest report, *Islamophobia: The Intensification of Racism Against Muslim Communities in the UK*, sheds light on the growing systemic Islamophobia across society, fuelled by far-right narratives and institutional discrimination.

This has serious implications for the housing sector, where British Muslims face persistent economic challenges, residential segregation, and limited access to fair treatment—further entrenching inequalities.

HDN Chief Executive, Mushtaq Khan, shares his insights on how housing organisations can tackle these issues through inclusive policies, anti-racist training and greater representation in leadership.

Read the full article here:

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[A Conversation About Homelessness: Insights from Hazel O'Halloran](#)



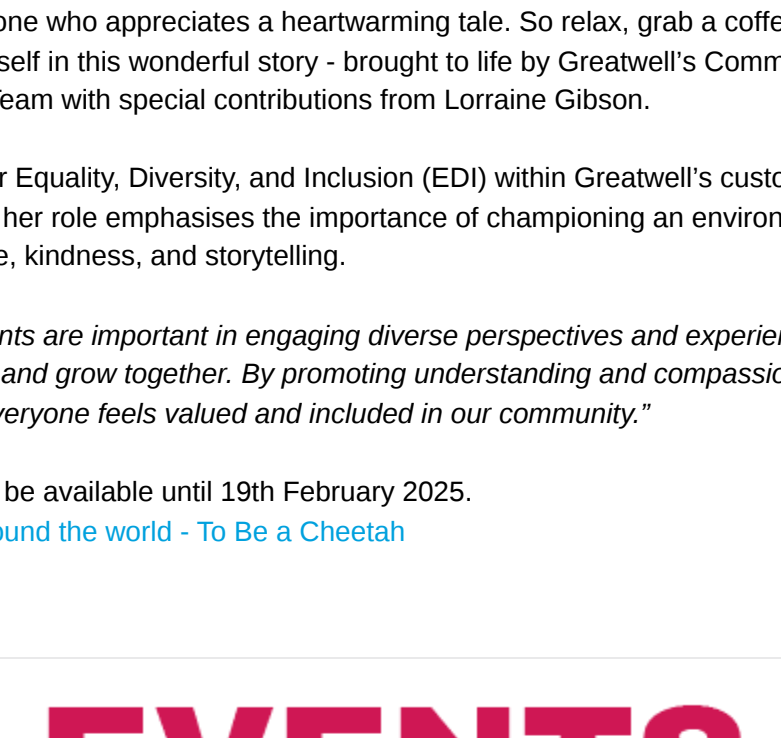
For the final episode of our third podcast series, we invited Hazel O'Halloran, Head of Homelessness and Community Investment at Bromford, who brings a wealth of experience and insight into one of the UK's most pressing issues.

In this episode, Hazel discusses the alarming rise in homelessness, from rough sleeping to sofa surfing and overcrowding. She explains how projects like Housing First and community investment can offer real hope, emphasising the need for compassion and collaboration to tackle the root causes.

Don't miss this powerful discussion.

[HDN Podcast - Homes, not Homelessness](#)

[Staff Mentoring Programme Winter Cohort - Registration Still Open!](#)



Registration is still open for the Winter Cohort of our Staff Mentoring Programme, starting in January 2025. This is a unique opportunity to invest in your staff's professional growth and provide them with guidance from experienced mentors across the sector.

If your organisation holds a Plus, Gold, or Silver membership, you may be eligible for free places. Please don't hesitate to contact us to confirm your allocation.

Registration for the next cohort closes on **20 December 2024**, so don't miss your chance to apply!

Contact mentoring@housingdiversitynetwork.co.uk for more details.

[New from Greatwell Homes' Stories From Around the World – 'To be a Cheetah'](#)



In the latest edition of the *Stories From Around the World* series, Myrle Roach - a Greatwell customer - helped the organisation celebrate Black History Month by reading the delightful children's story 'To be a Cheetah'. The book is authored by Joanne C. Hillhouse and beautifully illustrated by Zavian Archibald.

This enchanting bedtime adventure invites young listeners into a little boy's vivid imagination as he dreams of being a cheetah roaming the vast plains of Africa. It's sure to captivate anyone who appreciates a heartwarming tale. So relax, grab a coffee, and immerse yourself in this wonderful story - brought to life by Greatwell's Community Involvement Team with special contributions from Lorraine Gibson.

As the lead for Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) within Greatwell's customer base, Lorraine says her role emphasises the importance of championing an environment that embraces love, kindness, and storytelling.

"These elements are important in engaging diverse perspectives and experiences, enabling us all to learn and grow together. By promoting understanding and compassion, we can ensure that everyone feels valued and included in our community."

The video will be available until 19th February 2025.

[Tales from around the world - To Be a Cheetah](#)

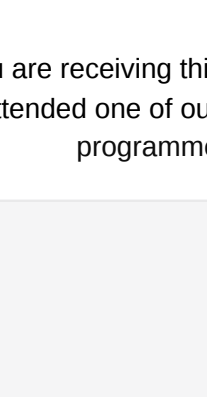
EVENTS

<p>Online Webinar Socio-economic duty and the Housing Sector</p> <p>10:00 - 11:30 AM 10 DECEMBER, 2024</p> <p>SPEAKERS</p> <p>HDN Webinar: Socio-economic Duty and the...</p> <p>Dec 10, 2024 (10:00 - 11:30) (GMT+0)</p>	<p>CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT 2025</p> <p>Join us for our annual Christmas quiz</p> <p>HDN Christmas Quiz Night 2025</p> <p>Dec 11, 2024 (17:00 - 19:00) (GMT+0)</p>
<p>HDN Study Visit Learning From Inside the Sector</p> <p>27 January 2025</p> <p>HDN Study Visit Series: Learning From In...</p> <p>Sharing EDI best practice and inspiration</p> <p>Jan 27, 2025 (11:00 - 15:00) (GMT+0)</p> <p>St. Mungo's London, England, United Kingdom</p>	<p>Online Training</p> <p>Responding Fairly to Complaints</p> <p>Darren Burton</p> <p>HDN Online Training: Responding Fairly t...</p> <p>Feb 13, 2025 (10:30 - 12:00) (GMT+0)</p>

For details of ALL our events [CLICK HERE](#)

NOW HIRING

Chair - Homes England



Homes England is seeking a new Chair for its board. They are looking for someone who can guide and influence their agency strategically while also playing a leadership role across the sector.

Click the link below to learn more:

[Chair - Homes England](#)

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Trainee Board Member - The Pioneer Group



The Pioneer Group are looking to recruit a Trainee Board Member who shares their passion for making a positive social impact.

The Pioneer Group has partnered with HDN to enhance diversity and representation on their Board. As part of this initiative, they will sponsor your place on the Board Trainee Programme, providing you with the guidance and skills needed to thrive as a Board Member.

Click the link below to learn more:

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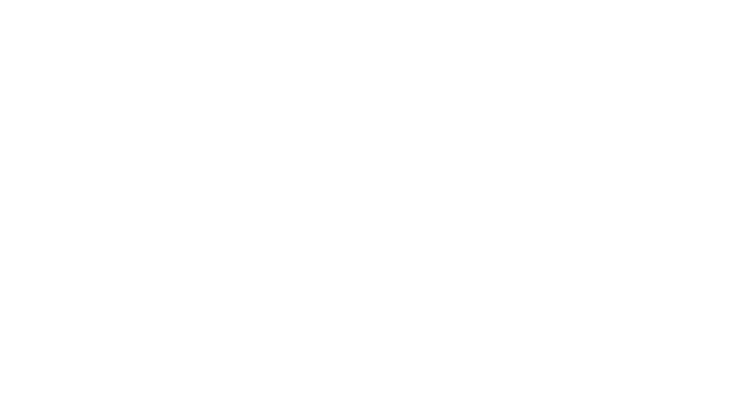
We also have other job vacancies listed on our website, which you can view by clicking the button below.

[More Job Vacancies!](#)

NEW MEMBERS

HDN is thrilled to welcome the Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) to our membership network. ACHA is Scotland's eighth-largest housing association and provides homes for over 10% of the population in Argyll and Bute.

We look forward to working together with you to achieve our shared goals and make a real difference in the housing sector!



What We Do at HDN

Contact us to see if we can help



We work with organisations on a range of equality, diversity and inclusion issues. These include management and leadership training, staff mentoring, board and executive team discussions and reviewing and helping on equality, diversity and inclusion action plans and strategies.

[Contact us](#) for further details