

# London Tenants Federation

*Invites you to our 2006 Conference*

## **'Tenants' Vision for Housing in London'**

**Friends Meeting House, Euston  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2006**

Housing Minister Ruth Kelly has announcement a review of the 'purpose of social housing'.

Her announcement coincides with the publication of a report by the Smith Institute which proposes further destruction of public housing including: *abolishing tenure for life; statutory obligations to sell off homes on social housing estates; setting rents relative to earnings; ending 'rights to housing' for priority homeless and increasing levels of home ownership.*

Only housing professionals are being consulted on what is effectively our future. **The London Tenants Federation aims to ensure that tenants views are heard in setting out our own vision for housing in London.**

Our conference is also part of a series of housing events that are taking place over the last weekend of September and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – World Habitat Day. Events include debate on development of international links between tenants organisations, visits to London housing sites and mapping of London community, housing and land rights campaigns and struggles. More information will be available in the conference information pack and at the LTF conference.

If you would like to attend the LTF conference, please e-mail us detailing your name and address (including your borough), along with your first and second choice of workshop. Alternatively complete and post the booking slip overleaf. (Contact details below) If you would like to attend the conference but would be unable to, without financial support towards childcare, please let us know. **Please ensure you have booked by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** to receive an information pack in advance of the conference.

The London Tenants Federation is an umbrella organisation bringing together London's borough wide council tenant federations and organisations

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# LTF 'Tenants Vision for Housing in London' Conference

## Conference Agenda

- 10.30** LTF welcome to the LTF Conference 2006  
Ana Sugranyes, General Secretary of Habitat International Coalition  
Introduction from guest workshop facilitators.
- 11.15** Workshops. We aim to run 2 of each of the following
1. **Housing Form:** Adaptability and diversity of need (including discussion on overcrowding, size / space standards, accommodating lifetime requirements and catering for all needs). *Facilitators to include Shelter, MACE short life co-op, ALG, GLA and LTF members.*
  2. **Housing Control:** Tenant management and collective ownership of housing - ALMOs, TMOs and Co-ops. *Facilitators to include LTF member Michael Beverley - Kensington & Chelsea TMO, Nic Bliss - Confederation of Co-op Housing (also invited David Rogers - Co-operative Development services and Alan Sheerins - London Federation of Co-op Housing).*
  3. **Housing Rights:** Right to housing, right to rent, security of tenure (discussion on housing policy, UK law and the European context). *Facilitators to include Shelter, European tenants and LTF members (also invited Law Centres Federation).*
  4. **Housing Assets:** Homes v investment (debate on Government home ownership drive, Real Estate Investment Trusts and Community Land Trusts). *Facilitators to include Rhur Tenants Forum and Chris Graham - London Leaseholders' Network (also invited researcher Dexter Whitfield)*
- 12.45** Lunch break
- 13.45** Michael Edwards - **Housing policy - where is London going?**  
Sylvia Macchi - **Mapping of housing and community struggles in Rome**
- 14.45** 'Tenants Vision for Housing in London' - Plenary session.
- 16.30** End

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