



**BUILDING BACK
BETTER TOGETHER**

Housing & Homelessness Summit

Winter - Spring
2021

A group of people in a meeting, looking at documents and laptops. The image is partially obscured by a white text box.

OVERVIEW

Moments of crisis give us windows of opportunity to think differently about our future. We have welcomed the Government's efforts to protect the most vulnerable during Covid-19; from their move to support homeless people into accommodation, to the temporary ban on evictions, to the furlough scheme which has enabled people to continue to pay their rent. How can we use this same energy to think differently about housing and homelessness in the future?

Whilst we recognise many people's experience of the recent lockdowns has been bearable due to their housing circumstance we acknowledge that for others it has been unbearable. Many people live in overcrowded accommodation, and poor quality housing. This summit is an opportunity to encourage the same bold and courageous action that has been used to develop a vaccine and to bring that energy to our national housing crisis. We will reflect on where we are as a country when it comes to housing and homelessness and how we might take action together with local and national government to stimulate the economy and build back better.

The summit is a series of roundtables, Citizens UK assemblies spread across the months of Jan-March. We will be bringing together the personal stories, energy and power of civil society from across the Citizens UK membership with the ideas and creativity of decision makers and opinion formers from national government. We hope you will be able to join us for some or all of these gatherings.

KEY PARTNERS



Citizens UK is the national home of community organising. We bring the energy of faith groups, schools, universities and charities together to help solve some of the UK's most difficult problems. We successfully set up the first urban Community Land Trust with then Mayor Boris Johnson, and have since developed more schemes across the capital. Citizens UK members are well known for working to develop creative solutions to homelessness and for supporting local developments through planning.



Create Streets is a social enterprise founded in 2013, to make it easier to co-create gentle density, beautiful, resilient, successful developments with strong local support. Our work and analysis has transformed the approach being taken by the national planning system and the debate about the importance of pace-making. Our analysis including primary research on 19,000 streets and squares demonstrates the links between urban form with wellbeing, prosperity, popularity and sustainability.

AGENDA

Building Back Better Together: The Future of Community Led Housing

Communities will play an important part in building back better together, that includes our approach to housing. Join us as we consider the future of community led housing and how we can ensure that we continue to get support for the sector from national government.

*Contributors: Danny Kruger MP, Lord Barwell,
Richard Bacon MP, Members of Citizens UK*

27th January
5:00 - 6.30pm
[Register here](#)

Building Back Better Together: Levelling Up

The Government is very firmly committed to the 'levelling up' agenda. But what does this mean? Why is the Government committed to it? Which places need to be 'levelled up'? Does this mean that poverty within more prosperous regions (e.g. London) will be forgotten? What are the pressures and opportunities for councils and local politicians?

*Contributors: Professor Toby Lloyd, Vidhya Alakeson,
Will Tanner, Members of Citizens UK*

3rd February
5:00 - 6.30pm
[Register here](#)

Building Back Better Together: Homelessness

We agree with the Government's ambition to 'end the blight of rough sleeping by the end of the next Parliament'. Join us as we explore how together we can make this a reality. We will be celebrating the development of strategic partnership between Citizens UK, Salvation Army and the Hill Group and explore how the private, public and civic sectors can work together to tackle homelessness.

*Contributors: Bob Blackman MP (tbc),
Nickie Aiken MP (tbc), Baroness Stroud*

10th February
5:00 - 6.30pm
[Register here](#)

Building Back Better Together Assembly with Secretary of State for Housing, Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP (tbc)

The Secretary of State for Housing Communities and Local Government Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP has been invited to attend and respond to the conclusions of our summit. We would also like to use this opportunity to share an offer from civil society in terms of our work with the homeless community and in terms of making land available for the development of new, affordable homes.

3rd March
5:00 - 6.30pm (TBC)

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