

# Keeping it local!

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2010 - The Radisson Hotel, Argyle Street, Glasgow**

GWSF's sixth Annual Conference is a great opportunity for your staff and committee to network and learn.

In November we will be just six months away from next year's Scottish elections. And we will know more about just how severe cuts in public spending are going to be over the next three years. These cuts will have a serious effect on housing – and on many other vital services our communities depend on.

Community controlled housing associations (CCHAs) have made a huge difference in regenerating communities in the west of Scotland. How can we promote our achievements and the benefits of local control? How will we negotiate our way through tougher economic times? And what kind of policies do we need from government, to make sure CCHAs continue to flourish? “**Keeping it Local**” will give staff and committee members an opportunity to get to grips with these questions, and more besides.

We will have keynote addresses from **Alex Neil MSP**, the Minister for Housing and Communities, and from **Johann Lamont MSP**, the Deputy Leader of the Labour Party in the Scottish Parliament. **Lesley Riddoch**, broadcaster and journalist, will ask whether “localism” is just a gimmick thought up by the new UK Coalition Government to make cuts - or whether it's the key to better services and stronger communities in Scotland. The **conference workshops** will be led by CCHA staff and committee members – and will look in detail at the challenges and opportunities the future holds.

## PROGRAMME

- 9.30 Registration and coffee
- 10.00 **Welcome and introductions** - Peter Howden, Chair GWSF
- 10.10 **Keeping it Local**
- The launch of GWSF's new “Keep it Local” campaign** - Jim Harvey, Director GWSF  
**What is localism – and does your community need it?** - Lesley Riddoch, broadcaster and journalist
- 11.15 Tea and coffee
- 11.45 **Workshops**
- (1) Stormy weather....** what the economic downturn and spending cuts mean for local communities and local housing associations
- (2) Communities doing it for themselves ...** CCHA committee members share some examples of what local people can achieve, as well as top tips for getting results!
- (3) Making it local ...** a look at how some CCHAs are putting localism into practice in their communities, through new approaches that tackle tough local issues - the why, the how, and the lessons learned
- 1.00 Lunch
- 2.00 **Countdown to 2011**
- Alex Neil MSP and Johann Lamont MSP will tell us how their parties' housing policies are shaping up ahead of next year's Scottish Parliamentary elections – and where CCHAs figure in their thinking
- 3.30 Close and tea/coffee

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**£130 per person** (Organisations affiliated to Glasgow & West of Scotland Forum of Housing Associations)

**£165 per person** (Others e.g. consultants, non affiliated housing associations/co-operatives, agencies, etc)

**Please book the following on this seminar:**

Delegate Name	Committee/Staff	Workshops order of preference
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