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SHAC For those withholding rent or service charge payment from a housing association landlord

Striker Support Meeting
6.30pm ~ Mon 12th June
Register tinyurl.com/SHACStrike

www.shaction.org ~ Facebook/Groups/Shac ~ Twitter @HAWRNet ~ shac.action@gmail.com

Striker Meeting

Registration is now open for our Striker Support Meeting which is relevant to anyone withholding payment from their landlord, whatever the issue under dispute.

6.30pm, Monday 12th June
Online - Register [here](#)



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Social Housing Finance Conference Protest

This week we took our demands for housing associations to do better to the Social Housing Finance Conference. It launched SHAC's Action on Disrepairs campaign, with other protests to follow later in the year.

Our mobile billboard made our presence highly visible, and we gave out nearly 400 leaflets and postcards. As well as engaging with some of the conference attendees, we spoke to many members of the public who are HA tenants or residents, or have family members with HA landlords, and we had the opportunity to raise our profile.

A brief report and photos from the day can be found [here](#).



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Meeting Department for Levelling Up & Regulator of Social Housing End Service Charge Abuse

After meeting with the National Audit Office, we have secured meeting dates to present the same bundle of service charge abuse evidence to both the Regulator of Social Housing (May) and Michael Gove's office, the Department for Levelling Up (June).

In the case of the Department, this represents quite a breakthrough as all previous meeting requests were rejected or just ignored. The meeting is being chaired by Baroness Scott who is the Parliamentary representative responsible for the Department.

The Regulator meeting is at the end of May, and we meet the Department in June. We will report to members following each.



Housing & Disability Workshop

Our campaign partners at Homes for Us have organised a very exciting workshop which will be run by Inclusion London, Disability Rights UK and the New Economics Foundation.

- **10.15am-12.30pm ~ Thursday 25th May**
- Online or in-person at Plexus, 14 East Bay Lane, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, London, E20 3BS

The workshop will explore the housing crisis and its effect on Disabled people. Please register [here](#) or contact [Laura Vicinanza](#) for more details.



Research Requests

- **Bessie Farr** from University of London is researching the experiences people facing precarious housing and living situations. This includes eviction, unaffordable rent hikes, temporary accommodation, or unsafe, unclean and unsuitable housing. If you are willing to be interviewed on one of these themes, please contact [Bessie Farr](#).
- **Alison Wallace** from the University of York is undertaking research on new social housing tenants who had to have affordability checks, credit checks or other forms of ID checks when applying for social housing. If this has been your experience and you're willing to be interviewed about it, please contact [Alison Wallace](#).

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