



Social Housing Action Campaign

17 October 2023

Protest the Affordable Housing Awards | Ministry of Justice Action

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Exactly one month from today, social landlords will be heading to Manchester for their annual booze up and backslapping. We will be there to meet them.

The UK Housing Awards was an annual self-congratulatory ceremony for housing associations, councils, and their partners. It was cancelled last year after SHAC's petition opposing the event topped 54,000 signatures.

This year, the awards are back, cynically rebranded the *Affordable Housing Awards*, so our picket returns too.

### UnAffordable and UnWorthy

Apart from the insult of gongs and praise for a sector that has repeatedly failed, the extravaganza is obscenely expensive.

A single ticket costs upwards of £400 per person and provides a three-course lunch, plus half a bottle of wine - all paid on the corporate tab. Of course housing associations won't be sending just one person, but whole batches of executives and senior managers.

Meanwhile, tenants and residents endure squalor arising from disrepairs, discriminatory treatment, soaring rents, and financially abusive service charging. And the worst squeeze on budgets for 40 years.

As one member put it:

*"The sector is sending out the wrong message at the wrong time. They celebrate the wrong people for the wrong reasons. The ceremony will involve housing executives talking about tenants and residents in the same old condescending and patronising way."*

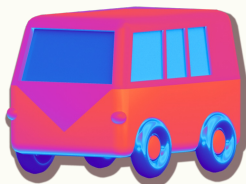
When the sector puts this right, these landlords will be worthy of an award.

## UnAffordable and UnWorthy

For the last few years, SHAC has picketed outside the event whenever and wherever it was held.

This year, we'll be protesting again, but bigger and broader. We will be joined by two housing coalitions which will considerably increase the scale of the protest, and its impact.

Please join us!



## Support with Travel

With help from New Economics Foundation, we are hiring coaches from London to Manchester. You can [book a seat here](#).

If that doesn't work for you, we should be able to help with travel costs if needed. Please [email us in advance](#) saying what method of travel you are using and how much it will cost. Receipts will be needed.



The protest will involve both the **Homes for Us** and **Homes for All** coalitions, which include Acorn, Generation Rent, London Renters Union, Defend Council Housing, MedAct, New Economics Foundation, Inclusion London, Runnymede Trust, Disability Rights UK, Radical Housing Network, Advice for Renters, and many others.



## Islington Homes for All: Ministry of Justice (MoJ) Action

Islington Homes for All are holding an action and sleep-out outside the Ministry of Justice from 3pm onwards on Friday 20th October.

Protestors will hand in a petition calling on the MoJ to lease 28 empty 3-bed and 4-bed ex-prison flats to Islington Council for families in need, as originally agreed. This will be followed by a sleep-out to highlight the scale of homelessness, unaffordable, overcrowded, insecure and temporary accommodation.

Meet at the Ministry of Justice, 102 Petty France, London [SW1H 9AJ](#) at 3pm and / or join later for the Sleep-Out.

Please also [sign the petition](#) for the 28 Empty Flats.

## WhatsApp Campaign Groups

SHAC members are increasingly using WhatsApp to communicate between meetings, provide peer support, and plan action. Click on the relevant links below if you would like to join in.

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