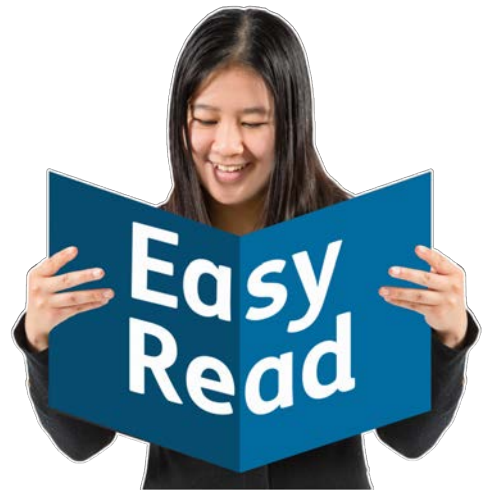


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# London Housing Panel Member and Chair Application Pack



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# Introduction



The Mayor of London with the **Trust For London** wants people to join the **London Housing Panel**.



The **London Housing Panel** is a new committee made up of people from community groups who are interested in housing.



The Mayor wants people from all different communities help to make plans for housing in London.



This document gives you more information about the **London Housing Panel** and how you can apply to get involved.

# About Trust for London



Trust for London is an independent charity.



We help London organisations who work with people who don't have enough money or who have different chances in life.



We do this by giving money to about 300 different organisations.



We also help community groups speak up about things that need to change.



We have been helping community groups to speak up about the problems with housing in London.

# About the London Housing Panel



The London Housing Panel will be made up of 15 people from all different community groups in London.

The Mayor wants people from many different communities to get involved.



People on the Panel will be able to talk to the Greater London Authority about issues with housing.



They may talk about:

- Improving the housing you rent from private landlords
- How people can get more involved in plans for improving housing estates
- What students think about housing in London



Trust for London will organise the Panel for the Mayor.

# Who will be on the Panel



We are looking for people who understand:

- Housing problems in London



- The different community groups in London



## Panel Members

The Members of the Panel will be organisations, not individual people.



This means you will be speaking for your organisation, not for yourself.



Organisations should give us the name of one person who will be the main person on the Panel.



Organisations who are Members of the Panel must have their head office in London and work there.

They must not be linked to a political party.



They must also either:

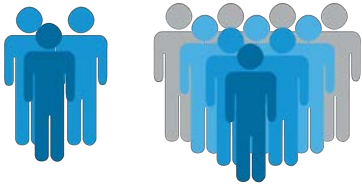
- Provide a service around housing
- Speak up for people about housing
- Help people to speak up about housing



People on the Panel must talk with other groups of people from their community or **network**.



Your **network** is all the different groups of people like yourself that you are in touch with.



We are looking for:

- People from smaller organisations as well as larger organisations
- Organisations that work in just one part of London as well as organisations that cover the whole of London
- People from all different parts of London



London is a diverse city. We want the Panel to include people, and organisations working with people:

- From all different ethnic backgrounds
- Who are homeless
- Who are disabled and non-disabled
- Who own or rent property







- Who are part of community-led housing groups



- Who are gay or straight



- Who are female, male or transgender

## The Chair of the Panel

We want someone to be the Chair who is independent.



They will:



- Run the meetings



- Help Panel Members to plan the work



- Help decide what is going to be discussed at the meetings

# What we are looking for

## Panel Members

We want people who will:

- Come and speak up at the meetings
- Talk about what they think of the Mayor's plans about housing
- Work with other organisations in their **network** around housing issues
- Help people to speak up about housing problems
- Treat people with respect
- Follow the rules of the Panel



## We are looking for organisations to be on the Panel who...



- Are involved in housing issues



- Want to help improve housing for people



- Work to make things fair for everyone



- Have worked well with other organisations



- Can send someone who will be able to take part in the meetings



- Can speak up for community groups in London



## The Panel Chair

We want someone who will:

- Run the meetings in a fair way
- Go to the 'Homes for Londoners' meetings every 3 months
- Speak up for the Panel to local councils, the Government, newspapers, radio, TV and other organisations
- Work with the Trust for London around how the Panel is run
- Help people on the Panel to work together
- Help people on the Panel to speak up
- Treat people with respect
- Follow the rules of the Panel

## We are looking for someone to be the Chair of the Panel who...



- Knows a lot about housing in London



- Is used to being the Chair of meetings



- Knows a lot about all different community groups



- Works to make things fair for everyone



- Has worked well with other organisations



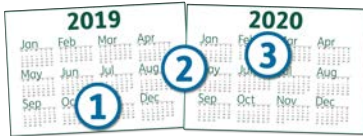
- Is used to speaking up for organisations



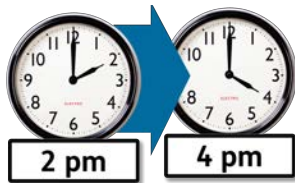
- Is used to dealing with senior politicians, newspapers, radio and TV

# Details: time, money, place

## Time



The Panel will meet three times in 2019 - 2020.



Meetings will last up to half a day.



There is an informal get together on Wednesday 19 June 5-7pm.



The first proper meeting will be on Tuesday 25 June 2-4pm.



## Time - the Chair

The Chair will also go to the Homes for Londoners Board on:



- 4 September 2019
- 4 December 2019
- A date in early 2020



## Pay, expenses, access

Members from small organisations or who are unwaged will get £225 for each meeting.



This will cover coming to the meeting as well as getting ready for the meeting.



You will also be able to get expenses and **reasonable adjustments**.



**Reasonable adjustments** are the things that a disabled person needs to help them take part, like everyone else.

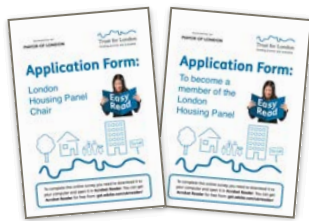
## Where?



The meetings will be at Trust for London's offices at:  
4 Chiswell Street  
London  
EC1Y 4UP

The offices are accessible.

# How to apply



If you want to apply you should complete:

- An application form
- An equal opportunities monitoring form

You should send these by email to:  
**[housing@trustforlondon.org.uk](mailto:housing@trustforlondon.org.uk)**



You can get an easy read application form from the Trust For London website:

**[www.trustforlondon.org.uk/news/](http://www.trustforlondon.org.uk/news/)**



You will have to give the name and contact details of someone who can tell us more about you.



We need your application forms and equal opportunities monitoring forms by Tuesday 7 May 10am.



# How we choose



There is an independent group of 4 people who have been asked to choose the Chair and Panel Members.



London has people from many different backgrounds. We want the Panel to also have people from many different backgrounds.



We will ask some of the people who want to be Chair to come to an interview at the Trust for London offices.



If we get lots of applications, we may ask people who want to be a Member of the Panel to come to an interview.

If we need to do this, we will give you time to prepare.

# A few last words



There will be an information event on Tuesday 23rd April 2-4pm at the Trust for London offices.

If you want to come to this you should email us on:  
**[housing@trustforlondon.org.uk](mailto:housing@trustforlondon.org.uk)**



You need to tell us if you have any links to any organisations or political parties that mean that you are not always independent.

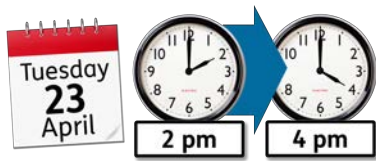


If you are from an organisation that is campaigning for better housing, you can apply and carry on your campaigning work.



The Trust for London will keep your personal information private and safe.

# Timetable



Information event: Tuesday 23 April, 2-4pm



Closing date for applications: Tuesday 7 May, 10am



Shortlisting: by Friday 10 May



Chair interviews: Thursday 16 May



Panel interviews (if we need to): by Friday 17 May



We will tell you if you have been chosen by June 2019.



All interviews and meetings will take place at Trust for London's offices, 4 Chiswell Street, London EC1Y 4UP.

# For more information

If you need any more information please contact us by:



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