



# ROUTES OUT 2026: The National Youth Homelessness Conference

17 March 2026  
Coventry Building Society Arena



## AGENDA

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- 08:45** Stepping Stone Accommodation Exhibit
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- 09.30** Refreshments and Registration
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- 10.00** Opening Plenary with **Umar**, Lived Experience Advisory Board Member
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- 10.10** Setting the Context: **Seyi Obakin**, CEO, Centrepont
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- 10.20** Networking session
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- 10.50** Breakout Options:
- Scaling Independence: From 300 to 30,000 Homes- How Stepping Stone Homes can Address the Affordable Housing Crisis for Young People (**Centrepont**)
  - Housing First for Youth Principles in Practice: International Insights on Routes out through Housing Solutions and Community Connections (**FEANTSA/ Housing First Europe** and **Centrepont**)
  - Building Futures: How Modular Solutions are Transforming Housing (**CHESS Homeless** and **Portakabin Limited**)
  - Unlocking Opportunities: How to Influence Employers to Recruit Marginalised Young People (**Movement to Work, Only a Pavement Away, Lived Experience Expert** and **employer partner**)
  - Supporting Trans and Non Binary Young People out of Homelessness and into Secure, Thriving Homes - while Navigating the Implications of the Supreme Court Ruling (**akt** and **Stonewall Housing**)
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- 12.10** In conversation with **Vicky Spratt**, Columnist and Correspondent for The i Paper, Author and Radio 4 Presenter. Hosted by **Liz Laurence**, Strategic Initiatives Director, Homewards
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**12.40**      **Networking Lunch and Stepping Stone Accommodation Exhibit**

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**13.30**      **Homes for the Future: Funding and Planning Panel featuring:**

[Alicia Walker](#), Assistant Director of Activism and Advocacy, Shelter (Chair)  
[John Raynham](#), Independent Living Development Lead, Centrepoint  
[Simon Fowler](#), Director, Planning, Icenl  
[James Muller](#), Managing Director, Safe Haven London  
[Paul Morrish](#), CEO, LandAid  
[Sam Dumitriu](#), Head of Policy, Britain Remade

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**14.30**      **Breakout Options:**

- From Pilots to Practice: Practical AI Lessons for the Sector ([Good Innovation](#))
  - Unlocking Homes: How Rent Deposit Schemes Open Doors for Young People ([Centrepoint](#))
  - Building Futures: Tenancy Sustainment and the Journey to Independence ([London Borough of Croydon Children, Families and Education Department](#), [Settle](#) and [Centrepoint](#))
  - Live, Work and Move Forward: How to Provide Affordable Move On Accommodation for Working Young People ([YMCA Milton Keynes](#) and [St Basils](#))
  - Mini Hackathon: Reimagining How Young People Find Work ([Centrepoint](#) and [PeoplePlus](#))
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**15.40**      **Lived Experience Experts Panel Discussion** featuring [Adam](#), [Andrew](#), [Faye](#), [John](#) and [Umar](#)

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**16.30**      **Close**

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**16.30**      **Stepping Stone Accommodation Exhibit**

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