



ENDING YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

COVENTRY Building Society



ROUTES OUT 2026: The National Youth Homelessness Conference

17 March 2026
Coventry Building Society Arena



AGENDA



09.30	Refreshments and Registration	
10.00	Opening Plenary with Umar, Lived Experience Advisory Board Member	
10.10	Setting the Context: Seyi Obakin, CEO, Centrepont	
10.20	Rightsized Homes: Creating Safe and Dignified Stepping Stone Accommodation	
10.50	Breakout Options:	
	1. Scaling Independence: From 300 to 30,000 Homes- How Stepping Stone Homes can Address the Affordable Housing Crisis for Young People (Centrepont)	Director's Lounge
	2. Building Homes: How Modular Solutions are Transforming Housing (CHES Homeless and Portakabin Limited)	The Coventry Lounge
	3. Housing First for Youth Principles in Practice: International Insights on Routes out through Housing Solutions and Community Connections (FEANTSA/ Housing First Europe and Centrepont)	Ricoh Business Lounge South
	4. Unlocking Opportunities: How to Influence Employers to Recruit Marginalised Young People (Movement to Work, Only a Pavement Away, Lived Experience Expert and PGL)	Ricoh Business Lounge North
	5. 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)	The Boardroom
12.00	Plenary address from Anna Cuskin, Senior Manager – Social impact, Coventry Building Society	

12.10 In conversation with **Poppy Noor**, Journalist and Editor at The Guardian. Hosted by **Liz Laurence**, Strategic Initiatives Director, Homewards

12.40 **Networking Lunch**

Group 1- Dhillon's Lounge

Group 2- Director's Lounge

Group 3- The Coventry Lounge

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, Icen

James Muller, Managing Director, Safe Haven London

Paul Morrish, CEO, LandAid

Sam Dumitriu, Head of Policy, Britain Remade

14.30 **Breakout Options:**

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| 1. Live, Work and Move Forward: How to Provide Affordable Move On Accommodation for Working Young People (YMCA Milton Keynes and St Basils) | Director's Lounge |
| 2. Building Futures: Tenancy Sustainment and the Journey to Independence (London Borough of Croydon Children, Families and Education Department, Settle and Centrepoint) | The Coventry Lounge |
| 3. Mini Hackathon: Reimagining How Young People Find Work (Centrepoint and PeoplePlus) | Ricoh Business Lounge South |
| 4. From Pilots to Practice: Practical AI Lessons for the Sector (Good Innovation) | Ricoh Business Lounge North |
| 5. Unlocking Homes: How Rent Deposit Schemes Open Doors for Young People (Centrepoint and BEAM) | The Boardroom |
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15.40 **Lived Experience Experts Panel Discussion** featuring **Adam, Andrew, Faye, John** and **Umar**

16.20 **Closing Speech**

16.30 **Close**

*Please note the agenda is subject to change