

Disruption and Innovation in Housing in the Devolved Nations



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Sustainable Housing and Digital Communities

Tuesday, 16 November 2021

Online

Programme

- 09:50 Arrivals / online access
- 10:00 Welcome and opening comments
[Kirsty Wells](#),
Head of Devolved Nations, Housemark
[Ian Wright](#)
CEO, Disruptive Innovators Network
- 10:05 **Opening Keynote: Building Sustainable Cities and Communities**
In this exciting opening session, we will examine how housing providers can contribute to zero carbon targets by leading the delivery of sustainable housing in the UK, combining technology and development to create sustainable living environments. We will explore smart climate solutions, and how technology can support us on our sustainability journey.

Steven Grier, Country and Regional Manager, Scotland and LRG North, Microsoft
- 10:35 Q&A Session
- 10:45 **Smart Homes and IoT in Housing**
The use of IoT (internet of things) devices is becoming more common in the UK social housing sector. Using such devices provides efficiency and new insight into the performance of buildings and how this can be affected by occupants' behaviour. In this session, Dane will provide insight and advice on how to incorporate IoT into your daily operations to improve the management and maintenance of your properties and help improve the lives of your tenants.

Dane Ralston, Managing Director, iOpti
- 11:15 Comfort break

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- 11:30 Digital Infrastructure**
 Digital connectivity played a vital role in keeping us safe and connected during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, some families remained isolated due to financial or capacity and capability barriers. Social landlords have a role to play to ensure their customers and communities are physically, socially and digitally connected to overcome these barriers. In this session we will explore how infrastructure can be future proofed to ensure it is inclusive for all.

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Andrew Neilson, Head of the developer relationship team/New sites, Openreach

- 12:00 Sustainability, net zero challenge and housing innovation**
 The Construction Scotland Innovation Centre (CSIC) champions innovation and connects Scotland's construction businesses so that they can deliver transformational change. In this session we will hear inspiring case studies about the housing sector's response to the Net Zero Challenge. Sarah will explore how sustainable materials, digital technology, and innovative design can contribute to the low carbon agenda.

Sarah Buchanan, Business Relationship Manager, Construction Scotland Innovation Centre

- 12:30 Comfort break**

- 12:40 Afternoon Keynote: Communities of the Future**
 In our second keynote session, James will provide an insight into designing regenerative, technology-based communities. We will discover how communities of the future might look and feel, and what risks and opportunities need to be considered if these communities are to be created successfully.

James Ehrlich, Founder, ReGen Villages

- 13:15 Speaker panel discussion session**

- 13:30 Wrap up and closing comments**
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