



CIEH Tackling Empty Homes Conference

Half-day conference: Wednesday 10 December 2025

09.30 Welcome and introduction

Chair: Ian Andrews, Head of Environmental Health, Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH)

09.35 The empty homes emergency – responses to a growing crisis

- Information on the Empty Dwelling Management Orders (EDMOs) and looking at the framework and enforcement tools

Speaker: Dr Henry Dawson CenvH MCIEH, Senior Lecturer and Programme Director for Environmental Health, Cardiff Metropolitan University

10:10 The future of Property Guardianship: a new housing solution?

Speaker: Graham Sievers, Chairman, Property Guardian Providers Association

10:40 Comfort break & sponsorship videos

11:00 Understanding data gaps and policy responses to vacant homes

Speaker: Chris Bailey, National Campaigns Manager, Action on Empty Homes

11:35 A win-win: Tackling empty homes to fast track social rent delivery

Speaker: Sam Bloomer, Policy Officer, Shelter

12:10 Why are we building homes when so many are standing empty?

Speaker: Claudia Bowring, Empty Homes Officer, Rushcliffe Borough Council

12:45 Empty homes strategies and campaigns: Kent County Council's 'No Use Empty Scheme'

Speaker: Tom Davies, Principal Project Officer, Kent County Council

13:25 Closing remarks

13.30 End of conference

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