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### **Nearly half of UK adults feel homelessness is housing's big issue**

Full survey results to be revealed at a special Homelessness Reduction Act conference next month.



Nearly half (45%) of British adults feel that homelessness is the biggest issue in UK housing, according to a new poll carried out by Populus for Social Housing enterprise Home Connections.

The survey was designed to reveal the truth about the public's attitudes towards homelessness, and the full results will be unveiled at a special Homelessness Reduction Act conference to be held next month.

The conference, titled 'The Homelessness Reduction Act – Are you ready?' will take place at the National Union of Teachers in central London on November 2 and will feature addresses from the sponsor of the new HRA Bob Blackman MP, as well as other parliamentary representatives and prominent experts.

Its aim is to unravel the Homelessness Reduction Act and provide delegates with practical solutions to prepare for its introduction.

Announcing the conference programme, Ninesh Muthiah, CEO of Home Connections said: "The conference is designed to help social housing professionals prepare for the introduction of the HRA.

"We are bringing together key stakeholders from the housing sector to discuss the impact of the Act and to gain ideas on how to tackle homelessness not only from MPs and high-demand local authorities, but also organisations such as entitled to and Housing Reviews Ltd.

"Delegates will have a unique opportunity to get a step ahead in their preparations for the arrival of the HRA and will have access to the foremost experts on the subject."

Speakers already confirmed to appear include: Bob Blackman MP, Sponsor of the new Homelessness Reduction Act; Melanie Onn MP, Shadow Housing Minister; Dawn Foster, Guardian Columnist; Juha Kaakinen, Chief Executive of the Y-Foundation in Finland.

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