

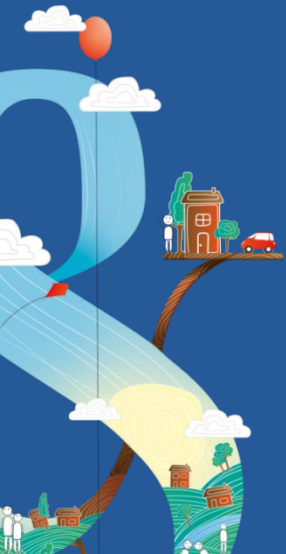
The Work of Research Users in Social Housing

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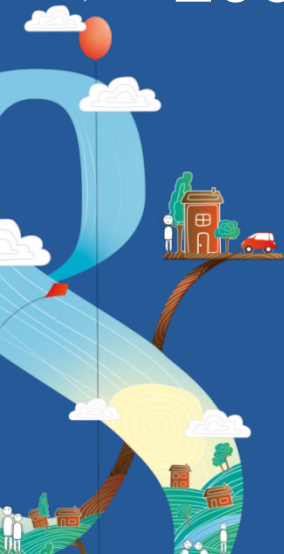
The Running Order

- Research Users in Social Housing (RUSH)
- Rural Housing Issues
- Bringing the two together!



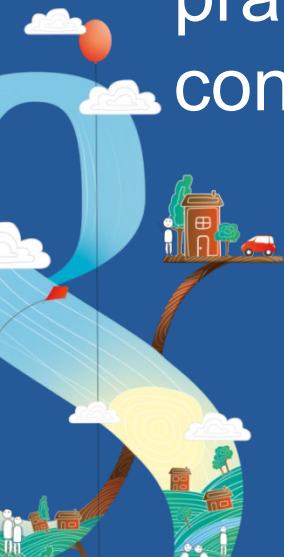
What is RUSH?

- Research Users in Social Housing (RUSH)
- Broad church of research and policy staff from housing associations, local authorities, academia and other groups
- National reach – and one or two European links
- 200 colleagues in over 80 organisations



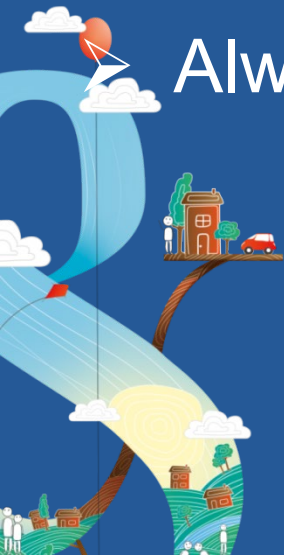
RUSHing around...

- Started with a survey
- First met in 2010
- Meet twice yearly (pre covid!)
- Virtual meetings the future?
- Regular Bulletin for questions, sharing good practice, requests for research topics, contributions etc



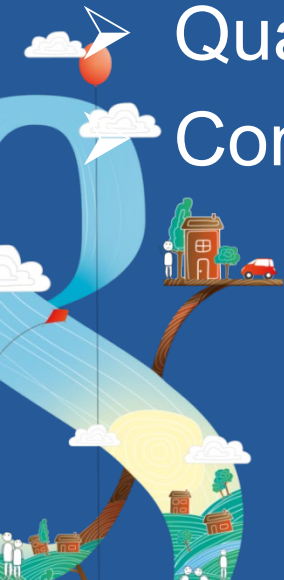
Outputs

- A lot of shared information and good practice, questions answered and research partnerships developed
- Response to Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) White Paper
- Research into Impact of Home Working report
- Always welcome new members!



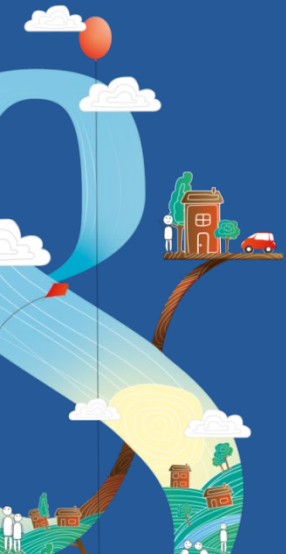
Rural Housing Issues

- Housing need
- Land availability and cost
- Funding
- Community support, opposition and integration
- Time
- Quality of design
- Construction challenges and costs



Rural Housing Benefits

- Positive social and economic impact
- Meets local needs
- Sustains local services and amenities
- Can bring people together



Rural Housing Future

- Planning system changes a real issue (particularly thresholds and Section 106)
- Rural Exception Sites promoted in Planning White Paper
- 10% of 2021-26 Affordable Homes Programme to be for rural
- Good coalition of rural groups (RHA, RSN, NHF, ACRE, CLT and others)



Bringing it all together

- Research and examples key in consultation responses and discussions with Government
- Well established and robust process for undertaking Housing Needs Survey
- Rural Housing Enablers
- Measurement of social and economic value of rural housing developing
- Resident engagement/involvement



Questions?

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