

Defend Council Housing

LABOUR CONFERENCE 2012

“The UK faces a deepening housing crisis. The old housing model is broken – home ownership and living standards are falling. Austerity has failed. Many young families have no hope of getting onto the housing ladder. People want a future that works. We need investment in good quality affordable homes and decent jobs for construction workers. Now, more than ever, let’s defend council housing.” **Frances O’Grady, TUC General Secretary-elect**

Invest in mass council house building – first class, secure and really-affordable

Chris Williamson MP, Shadow CLG minister
Mick Weston, Chair, Leeds Tenants Federation

Austin Mitchell MP

Gail Cartmail, Assistant Gen. Sec. UNITE

Neil Vernon, UCATT executive

Eileen Short, DCH

**6pm, Tuesday 2nd October,
Friends Meeting House,
6 Mount Street, Manchester M2 5NS**

Government has slashed house building. Attacks on tenancies, rent levels and housing benefit will escalate a growing housing crisis.

Tenants, trade unions, councillors and MPs demand a programme of direct investment in existing and new council housing. We need a

new generation of first-class energy efficient homes for rent.

And we have to keep secure tenancies and genuinely-affordable rents, with 4.5 million on waiting lists. This is essential for mixed and stable communities.

MARCH FOR

AFUTURE THATWORKS

LONDON SATURDAY 20 OCTOBER 2012

www.afuturethatworks.org.uk @futurethatworks #oct20

Sign the petition (over) and take it round your tenants, community, or political group



Tenants and trade unions on 20 Oct march

DCH is organising to get tenants and housing workers, alongside councillors, MPs and housing campaigners, on the TUC demonstration on 20 October in London.

Unaffordable private rents and mortgages, failure to build the homes we need, and attacks on tenancies, rents and benefits will blight the lives of generations unless we stop them.

We are fighting for:

- Direct investment to council housing as a matter of urgency;
- Defend security of tenure for existing and future tenants;
- Cut rents not benefits;
- No eviction of tenants in rent arrears due to Housing Benefit cuts;
- Regulate to control private renting conditions and rents, and extend security;
- A massive programme of new and improved, energy-efficient council house building.

Help build a united fight for the homes we need: with union speakers at local Tenants Associations, estate meetings and campaigning.

Name	Area/Organisation	Email	Phone