What is needed to fulfil a RTAH? A perspective from Wales.

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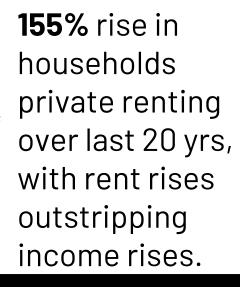
Context: Welsh housing emergency

89K households on social housing waiting lists.

The worst quality housing costs the Welsh NHS £95 million per year.

11.5K+ people trapped in TA; almost double the number from the start of this Senedd term.

238K+ social homes across Wales: 3,212 'affordable homes' to rent completed in 22/23.





Context: our journey so far in Wales

Campaign start (2019)

Build evidence & support Govt. pledge to White Paper (2021) Govt. Green Paper (2023)

Keep learning, build *understanding* & support

Feasibility study into draft RTAH bill.

Review of the international evidence base.

Cost benefit analysis.







Our route map - building understanding & support

- Break down the concept
- Make the moral & financial case
- Show stakeholders why it matters
- Promote debate



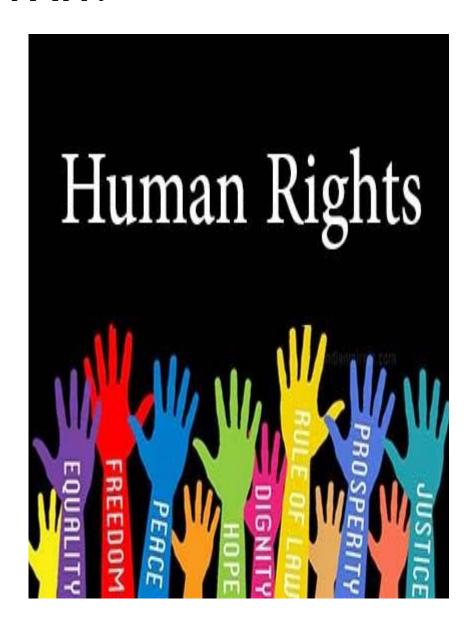
What more does it take to deliver a RTAH?

Independent <u>review of International evidence</u> commissioned by campaign partners pointed to:

- ✓ *Progressive Realisation* a feasible, costed path
- ✓ *Effective Governance* a key enabler of progressive realisation
- √ *Supply* investment in new & existing homes.

Our learning is that nationally and locally, it will also be vital to have:

- √ *Political courage and will * to:
 - take the first step (and sustain momentum)
 - o take a long-term view as a Government
 - o turn a moral consensus into a legal right
 - o put concepts of deserving and undeserving behind us.



Further info & campaign partner details



Resources

The right to adequate housing in Wales: Feasibility report - Shelter Cymru

https://sheltercymru.org.uk/policy_and_research/the-right-to-adequate-housing-in-wales-feasibility-report/

The right to adequate housing in Wales: the Evidence Base

https://sheltercymru.org.uk/policy_and_rese arch/the-right-to-adequate-housing-in-wales-the-evidence-base/

The right to adequate housing in Wales: Cost Benefit Analysis

https://sheltercymru.org.uk/policy_and_research/right-to-adequate-housing-report/

Road Map - Back the Bill: A route for the right to adequate housing in Wales (taipawb.org) (June 2024)

www.taipawb.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Road-Map-Back-the-Bill-A-route-for-the-right-to-adequate-housing-in-Wales-16

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