



ACTION programme

We know a number of profound issues facing communities across Wales are not being addressed by current initiatives. Some of those are identified in our report “Housing Voices” after conversations with housing professionals and others. We want to hear the voices of people with experience of working with communities on the ground about the issues and the solutions that would bring about change.

Background

This is an opportunity for a collection of organisations/groups/individuals to come together to solve a problem relevant to the work of the housing profession and the lives of tenants in Wales. Tyfu Tai Cymru (TTC) has been engaging with tenants, housing professionals and policy-makers across Wales asking about the most pressing issues facing the sector. Our [Housing Voices report](#) identified the following:

- Tackling negative attitudes towards social housing
- Standards in the private rented sector
- Planning department capacity
- Working in collaboration with health colleagues
- Housing and mental health
- Public sector land redevelopment
- Repurposing land for greater flexibility
- Understanding demand and mixed tenure opportunities
- The prevention agenda in health, housing and social care
- Understanding of rural issues and links with other services (transportation, health etc.)

- *Amplify the voices of housing professionals working within local government*
- *Use of temporary accommodation to house young people and families at risk of homelessness*

The ACTion programme will develop approaches that make a tangible difference to making a difference to one of the issues in the above list.

What TTC will offer...

To ensure the efficient progress and impact of any work undertaken through the LRF, TTC can offer the following resources to successful applicants:

Project Management – We will help manage your research, coordinate meetings and facilitate discussions so that you can get the most out of the work (including managing stakeholders, scoping timelines and prompting actions to achieve key milestones)

Research design and methodology – We will help you design how you conduct your research and advise on all aspects on undertaking research that is accurate and robust. To support this we will also:

- Arrange a session with a leading housing academic from Cardiff Metropolitan University to provide a basic understand to groups on different types of research, research ethics and other things to consider
- Arrange a session with the National Assembly for Wales research service to provide an overview about how research impacts committee work and the broader for of the Senedd
- Explore ways to certify/peer review the research with academic forums/networks

Where similar individual group research projects are being undertaken in different areas, we will ensure crossover on methodology to ensure the data is comparative, furthering the impact of the work.

Influencing and impact – We will support you in making sure your research has the desired impact and gets to the people who can make change happen. This could include holding a launch event hosted by a politician, presenting to policy-makers or gaining media attention.

Financial support – We will cover the cost of producing materials like research costs such as workshops, printing reports and infographics, holding launch or promotional events up to the overall value of £2,000.

The broader CIH team - As part of CIH Cymru, TTC has access to a wide range of experts on all things housing as well as an in-house designer and a translation service.

How to apply

You'll need to choose from the list of issues highlighted in our Housing Voices report OR select a fresh issue linked to your area of work.

Following this you'll need to get a group of people together who would be able to help your research and create a solution to the issue at a local level. **We particularly welcome applications from groups that consist of a mix of housing professionals and tenants. We also welcome application written in Welsh.**

Then it will be time to submit an application – covering:

- The issue you are looking to address and why it is a problem in your area (Remember this needs to be from the list on the first page of this document)
- The kind of research you are looking to undertake - this could be a survey, workshops, questionnaires, case-studies or some other form of research
- A plan of what you will do with the research findings
- A project plan covering highlighting the overall timescale to fit within a 1 year period to commence in November 2019
- How you will share the findings of your research with others

Applications should be in a word document format (or similar) and be no longer than 1000 words.

All application should be sent directly to Catherine.may@cih.org by Friday, October 11.

PLEASE NOTE: As Tyfu Tai Cymru's funding is released each January, any work undertaken through the ACTION programme is subject to the OAK foundation releasing funding to TTC in the year commencing January 2020.