

TLP Resident Representative Report

- **ARCH (Association of Retained Council Housing)**

For those who don't know, ARCH (Association of Retained Council Housing) is an association of councils in England who have retained ownership and management of their council homes.

ARCH :

- Aims to get the best deal for councils and their tenants.
- Represents collective interests of retained stock councils
- Lobbies government for a strong retained stock sector
- Demonstrates the benefits of retained stock in meeting wider local and national priorities
- Promotes best practice
- Listens to the views of tenants

With the arrival of the General Election and the period of *purdah* (*the period leading up to an election, during which government departments generally refrain from making any new announcements*) there's not been much in terms of government policy discussion. Hopefully, fruitful & beneficial discussions can commence with the new government.

There are still spaces for involved residents to attend the forthcoming ARCH Tenants Conference on **Thursday 3 October 2024** at the New York Stadium, Rotherham. Please contact the Resident Involvement team to register your interest residentinvolvement@croydon.gov.uk

- **Stop Social Housing Stigma(SSHS)**

A tenant-led campaign presenting a positive image of social housing and its tenants challenging the stigma attached to social housing

We've been with the University of Durham, Sheffield Hallam University, CIH, TPAS and YD Associates in developing a tackling stigma *journey planner*. The journey planner is a resource that will help tenants and landlords work together to identify how best to tackle stigma.

Membership of SSHS is free.

Your **FREE** membership of the campaign offers you the opportunity to:

- show your solidarity with the campaign – joining a growing number of tenants, landlords and others who are becoming members
- receive quarterly bulletins about what the campaign is doing
- receive information/materials to help you campaign with us in your local area
- send us your positive stories of social housing tenants and how social housing has helped them as well as your social housing stigma stories
- attend and participate in our planned webinars about social housing stigma
- suggest other ideas about how membership of Stop Social Housing Stigma could benefit you. Please get in touch with us to let us know your views.

There'll be more information available at the TLP meeting. For further info about SSHS, please go to <https://stopsocialhousingstigma.org/>.