



2014 Annual Conference

Given their past legacy as change makers, what needs should BME HAs be addressing now and in the future?

Conference Review

BME Research Update - John Morris, Chair HCI & CEO, Trident Social Investment Group

Very useful	19	Fairly useful	10	Not useful	1
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What did you like about the session?

- Good to know what is happening.
- Interesting information about social value and research.
- Last comment about poverty.
- Some of the comments challenged traditional views.
- I have seen the global picture on BME sector.
- The scope of the research planned and interim findings.
- Facts, Evidence and presented well.
- Great to know it is coming.
- Most findings didn't present full detail on drivers for outcomes. Needed more challenge.
- Very informative of the results to date and areas for further exploration / focus.
- Reconfirms our importance / heritage.
- Information and Statistics shared.
- Competent delivery - wish I had read findings before attending.
- Facts and Figures.
- Useful feedback highlights some gaps for further work.

Are there areas you feel could be improved? If so please state below:

- Presentation was fine.
- Table numbers to stand up so that it is clearly identified.
- Structure of the research. Key figures of housing sectors was interviewed before who are supportive to BME sector. I believe the quality and effectiveness of the research would enriched.
- Key highlights.
- The formula for the pound of added value to the session.
- Some of it a bit backward looking e.g. stock transfers.
- Breaking it down into simpler units.

How would you rate the presenter - John Morris?

Good	20	Satisfactory	9	Poor	
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Response to findings so far

- David Orr, Chief Executive NHF
- Grainia Long, Chief Executive, CIH

Chaired by Martin Hilditch, Deputy Editor of Inside Housing

Very useful	28	Fairly useful	1	Not useful	
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What did you like about the session?

- Honest Debate.
- The honest and cordial approach and advice given.
- Very provocative - enabled a first of useful conversation.
- Informative.
- A good session with some honest speak and challenge to the BME HA's.
- They can help our sector and BME issues.
- Learning about the CIH leadership and Diversity cohesion.
- Guidance on what we should be doing in BME National.
- David Orr is an EXTRAORDINARY engaging and thought provoking speaker as is Grainia Long.
- Loved the constructive challenge, was clear, concise and inspirational.
- Grainia and David - a great endorsement and double act.
- Martin a great, fair chair and great choice.
- David was excellent.
- Frank debate on the issues with appropriate challenges to the audience.
- Direct and Challenging.
- Grainia was extremely competent.
- Thought provoking.
- Challenged us to be clear on what we are doing and what are message is.

Are there areas you feel could be improved? If so please state below:

- Would have liked the session to last longer to facilitate, better debate. BME Exec should have joined the panel as our voice.
- They should have half day on this. Presentation is no relevant and important.
- Clearer ideas of how BME's can be supported. Not clear whether NHF and CIH would promote this forum but am sure they would support.
- The role of NHF and CIH respectively in mainstreaming diversity.

How would you rate the presenter - David Orr?

Good	27	Satisfactory	1	Poor		
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How would you rate the presenter - Grainia Long?

Good	26	Satisfactory	2	Poor		
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How would you rate the presenter - Martin Hilditch?

Good	22	Satisfactory	5	Poor	1	
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Using Steve Biko's legacy to empower communities

- Ms Obenewa Amponsah, Director, Steve Biko Foundation

Very useful	17	Fairly useful	10	Not useful	
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What did you like about the session?

- Re. History and what is happening now.
- Historical context and work done thus far.
- So inspirational - great speaker.
- Very informative and can mirror some of the parallels with history.
- Very engaging and informative.
- Inspirational.
- Inspiring.
- I have learned about the foundation.
- Inspirational context and great speaker.
- Telling of the story.
- Inspiring story.
- Inspiring.
- Principled, passionate, relevant.
- Engaging, fun and energetic.
- Interesting and emotional.
- To learn of him and legacy.
- Excellent delivery.
- Achievements of the Foundation and impact in the community.
- Inspirational.

Are there areas you feel could be improved? If so please state below:

- No. It was excellent.
- No - Great.
- Some visual pictures.
- Lessons for today and movement.

How would you rate the presenter - Obenewa Amponsah?

Good	25	Satisfactory	2	Poor	
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Tackling poverty across all ethnicities; what does the evidence say?

- Helen Barnard, Policy and Research Programme Manager, Joseph Rowntree Foundation

Very	25	Fairly useful	2	Not useful	
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What did you like about the session?

- Re. Statistics.
- Statistics that show how dire a picture there is for those we engage in.
- Very informative.
- Brief and informative of a subject. Stats with the ability to bore after lunch.
- Good contents.
- Information provided and debate that it provoked afterwards.
- The stats which are still shocking.
- Presented well considering risqué topic but clear facts used.
- Statistics that were presented were very interesting and unknown.
- Evidenced with practical recommendations.
- Good level of detail. Just right.
- Interesting and insightful.
- Figures on racism.
- Figures were great. Highlighted issues.
- Statistics.
- Facts and Figures.

Are there areas you feel could be improved? If so please state below:

- Solutions to problems / issues.
- More succinct.
- Not clear where report is going and how research is to be used.
- Any case studies?
- More on living wage.

How would you rate the presenter - Helen Barnard?

Good	26	Satisfactory	1	Poor	
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What are the key issues for BMENational going forward? - Cym D'Souza, Chair BMENational

Very	20	Fairly useful	2	Not useful	
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What did you like about the session?

- The discussion.
- Help us to focus our work as a movement / sector.
- Lots of similar responses - a clear way forward.
- Summary and brain storming.
- Balanced.
- Interactive session.
- Feedback from the different tables.
- Tried to focus on what we needed to do going forward.
- First chance to complete table.
- Similar focus on priorities.
- Interactive work.
- Participation.
- Gave us time to talk through some of the issues (ran out of time).

Are there areas you feel could be improved? If so please state below:

- Could have been done earlier before some people left.

How would you rate the presenter - Cym D'Souza?

Good	20	Satisfactory	2	Poor	
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Venue Location - Resource for London, London

Very good	10	Fairly good	13	Poor	1
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Comments/suggestions for improvement

- Room was a little crowded. Got a bit hot.
- Layout of tables could be improved.
- More space - but not a criticism of today - it was good to "feel" the buzz in the room.
- Specious venue. The room was cramped with tables and chairs. No opportunity to network.
- Room a bit tight - difficult to see speakers.
- Room temperature a bit high.
- Room tad cold and could feel at times a little cramped.
- Larger room next time.
- Central, easy to find.
- More central. Hard to find.
- No map included with the invite, difficult to find.

Where is your preferred location for any future conferences?

- Birmingham (possibly link in with other housing conferences).
- London/South East.
- London.
- Midlands maybe?
- London.
- London
- Central London.
- Manchester.
- Croydon.

Venue, Service, Food etc.

Very good	18	Fairly good	7	Poor	
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Comments/suggestions for improvement

- Diverse in nature and options.
- Food was good.
- Food fantastic.
- Café on ground floor very reasonable.
- Caribbean food was good.
- More variety.
- No cream for the desserts.

Venue Facilities - Conference Room etc.

Very good	7	Fairly good	16	Poor	3
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Comments/suggestions for improvement

- Cramped. Too small for the number of people.
- Conference room and Lobby area should be spacious.
- Bit small and too hot.
- Not quite enough room.
- A bit crowded.
- Staff to be invited, but would be limited in resources.
- Room small.
- Too cramped.
- Room too small and not very good. Layout for networking.
- Not roomy enough.

Overall opinion of the Conference

Very good	23	Fairly good	3	Poor	
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What do you think we can do better next year?

- Produce less wasteful resources! Paper. Pens etc.
- It was Excellent.
- Choose only those presentation and topics which are vital.
- Would be good for BME National Exec group to stand out a bit more.
- Larger space.
- Keep sector leaders (e.g. CE's of CIH and NHF) involved - equality and housing issues need high level advocacy and endorsement.
- Less talkers more group work.

Are there any areas or subject matters you feel we should cover at future planned conferences?

- Where the BME sector will be in 5 years/10 years.
- Would be great to see a debate/presentation re. lack of BME's in leadership. I don't mean Board and CEO's, I mean visible management and the barriers involved.
- Enjoyed conference, very interesting sessions, good flow and wanted to hear more. Well Done!
- Intersection between housing and employment, poverty.
- New arrivals to UK and community cohesion.
- Developing a coherent voice to challenge new racism (e.g. UKIP).
- Focus more on benefits to workers / employee rather than community.