

National Conference 2020 – Keynote Speakers

Jean Templeton, St Basils



Jean has been Chief Executive of St Basils since 2000 and prior to that has over 20 years' experience of managing housing and neighbourhood services in several local authorities in the North East and Midlands. Jean is a member of Birmingham's Housing Partnership Board and Birmingham Social Housing Partnership Executive. She is Chair of the West Midlands' Combined Authority Homelessness Taskforce and is a member of the Government's Advisory Panel on

Rough Sleeping and Homelessness and chairs the national Youth Homelessness Parliament. Jean is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Housing and was awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Birmingham in 2006 and Membership through Distinction of Faculty of Public Health in 2018. In 2019, she received the President's Award from Greater Birmingham Chamber of Commerce.

'Designing out Homelessness: Developing a systemic preventative approach to homelessness'

Jean will outline the work of the West Midlands Combined Authority Homelessness Taskforce, with representatives from Local Authority members, public sector bodies, housing associations and the business and voluntary sectors. She will highlight the importance of a systemic people-centred approach to tackling homelessness, incorporating inclusion and prevention within the context of public service reform. Jean will also share insights into effectively engaging a range of stakeholders, including businesses, in preventing homelessness and supporting employees vulnerable to homelessness and exploring what needs to change