

# Getting it Real



## involving service users in housing options

### What is Housing Options?

All local authorities in Scotland will have a new way of responding to the housing needs of local people. 'Housing Options' is about combining a person's legal rights to a home with a broader look at all the possible accommodation options open to them.

*Some people say this will prevent homelessness, by supporting people with problems much earlier. Others say that it will only 'gatekeep' - prevent people who are homeless from using their right to a tenancy in the social rented sector (a permanent 'council' or 'housing association' flat or house).*

### Who is holding this event?

SHIEN, who are a national network with over 800 partners who strongly believe that people with experience of homelessness or housing crisis have a right to **be involved** in decisions that affect them (for example about services or local and government policy).

### When & how...

- Fri 24 February 2012; 10am-3.30pm  
Albert Halls, Dumbarton Rd, Stirling
- This is a Scotland-wide event so your public transport travel expenses will be paid back to you on the day (please remember your receipt).
- You can book your place or find out more from staff in this service or:

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### Why should I go?

- Chance to really influence policy and practice about homelessness
- Chance to meet and find out about HOPE: a European network led by people who've been homeless
- Great venue and a free lunch!



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