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Stats NZ Framework for Housing Quality

Stats New Zealand have recently released a new framework for assessing housing quality. The new framework establishes a broad understanding of what is meant by 'housing quality' and will be useful across the New Zealand data system, says Stats NZ. "Until now, there's been no agreed definition of housing quality, either nationally or internationally, so it's great to see this piece of work come to fruition," acting systems and partnerships general manager Rosemary McGrath said. "The framework will support standardisation in the way information on housing quality is collected, which will benefit policymaking, research initiatives, and statistical outputs." The housing quality conceptual framework brings together and defines four interrelated elements of housing quality: housing habitability, housing functionality, environmental sustainability, and social and cultural sustainability.

"By taking a people-centred approach – incorporating things like cultural values and community connections, alongside physical considerations like design and construction – we get a much fuller picture of what 'housing quality' really means to New Zealanders," Ms McGrath said. The framework defines housing quality as: the degree to which housing provides a healthy, safe, secure, sustainable, and resilient environment for individuals, families, and whānau to live in and to participate within their kāinga, natural environment, and communities.

Community Housing Aotearoa welcomes this approach. Marc Slade, Senior Programme Manager at CHA, says "this new framework links well with CHA's vision that all New Zealanders should be well housed and the United Nations definition of 'adequate housing' which considers more factors than just physical condition". "We would love to see Stats NZ working to develop a 'score card' to measure New Zealand's progress against this housing quality framework" Slade said. For more information on the Framework <u>here.</u>

CHA is recruiting for a Strategic Communications and Engagement Manager

Scott Figenshow, CE Community Housing Aotearoa, announced at The Shift Aotearoa Conference that we are recruiting for a new role of <u>Strategic Communications and Engagement Manager</u>.

In announcing the role, Scott described the goal for CHA to better make the case about the work of the community sector in delivering sustainable housing solutions for whanau. We are one of the best kept secrets in housing - and that needs to change if we are going to make The Shift and see all New Zealander's well-housed.

Please note closing date is the 30th June 2019

Group Property Manager - Social Housing,

Airedale Property Trust, one of the three Trusts alongside Lifewise Trust and Methodist Mission Northern, are looking for an experienced leader to take on the role of Group Property Manager (Social Housing). As the Group Property Manager - Social Housing, you will support and lead a multi-disciplinary Team of Housing Locators and Housing Specialists. To see the full job description and to apply for this position, please follow this BambooHR <u>link:</u>

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Working with Complex and Demanding Clients Workshop - Auckland, 2 & 3 July and Christchurch 4 July



Due to popular demand, the Australasian Housing Institute will be running multipe sessions of the Working with Complex and Demanding Clients workshop, in Auckland on 2 & 3 July (Sold Out) and in Christchurch on 4 July 2019.

Aimed at housing professionals whose work involves direct contact with clients, this workshop will enable staff to develop strategies and communication skills to work more effectively in demanding client situations.

Content:

- assessment of complex situations
- introduction of de-fusing and de-escalation skills
- use of assertiveness skills
- self-management

• sharing local knowledge of appropriate agencies for additional expertise and referral

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