



Southwark
Private Renters
Support Project



OUR NEWSLETTER FOR THOSE WHO RENT PRIVATELY IN SOUTHWARK OR WORK WITH PEOPLE WHO DO

WHAT HAVE WE DONE SO FAR?

RESEARCH PROJECT WITH GENERATION RENT

Southwark Private Renters Support Project have teamed up with Generation Rent on a research project to understand more about the state of the PRS in Southwark.

The research aims to engage with marginalised communities, to ensure their views feed into work surrounding the Renters Reform Bill, as well as future campaigning. This is an opportunity to expand Generation Rent's research into the experiences of marginalised private renters, allowing them to place greater pressure on the government to address inequality and discrimination issues within the Bill and elsewhere.

Southwark Private Renters Support Project are requesting your support by completing the survey. This work could be key in shaping future changes to the private rented sector in Southwark and nationally.

You can see the survey [here](#). Please note there is a £10 prize for 50 people who complete the survey.

SOUTHWARK PRIVATE RENTERS CONFERENCE 2024

We hosted our second private renters conference on Thursday 27th June 2024 at The Crypt at St Peters Church. 20 people, from various council teams, community organisations and the voluntary sector attended to discuss the PRS in Southwark. Discussion was based around how to make licensing in Southwark successful and other emerging issues in the PRS.

WHAT IS COMING SOON?

KNOW YOUR HOUSING RIGHTS WORKSHOP

A key part of the work of this project is providing education to private renters on their rights through Know Your Housing Rights workshops. We are looking for organisations to partner with to deliver these sessions. If you would like us to host a session for your organisation, you can contact us via our website. If you wish to attend a workshop, or would like us to host a session for your organisation, you can contact us via our [website](#).

COST OF LIVING ROADSHOWS

We are aware that private renters are being impacted by the Cost of Living Crisis, just as social tenants are. We offer support on a wide range of issues to social and private tenants at our Cost of Living Roadshows.

Our next event will take place on Friday 30th August from 10am-1pm at The Green, 5 Nunhead Green, London, SE15 3QQ.

LATEST NEWS IN THE PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR

THE FUTURE BECKONS... (UPDATES ON THE NEW GOVERNMENTS APPROACH TO HOUSING).

17TH JULY 2024 - NEARLY LEGAL

What does the new government hold in store for housing? The Renters Rights Bill largely resembles the late Renters (Reform) Bill, but with some headline differences, including the extension to Awaabs Law into the private sector. They also stated that they “will empower tenants to challenge rent increases designed to force them out”. Will Labours previously proposed amendments shape the new Bill?

[Read the Full Article Here.](#)

MORE CHILDREN IN DAMP RENTAL HOMES, FIGURES SHOW

20TH JULY 2024 - BBC NEWS

The proportion of private renters with children who are living in damp homes has almost doubled since the pandemic, BBC analysis suggests. The figure has risen from one in 14 households before the pandemic to one in seven in 2022-23, according to the English Housing Survey. One charity said it had been “deluged” with reports of poor housing since the pandemic, with many private renters too afraid of eviction to complain.

[Read the Full Article Here.](#)



COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT KINEARA

Kineara aims to support people going through challenging times in housing, education and employment. They deliver effective support services that introduce and inspire meaningful and lasting change in the lives of the people and communities they serve.

Kineara runs a variety of programmes, which focus on holistic, tailored, one-to-one support to get people through challenging times in their lives. Their activities work to improve housing security, physical and mental health and wellbeing, community engagement and social wellbeing, family relationships, financial security, and opportunities for employment, education and training.

If you require support with any of the issues mentioned above, [please contact Kineara to find out what support they can offer.](#)

