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Homes for Cathy

www.homesforcathy.org.uk

'Homes for Cathy' is a group of housing associations formed in the 1960/70s which have come together to mark the 50th anniversary of the first showing of the BBC drama documentary 'Cathy Come Home' in November 1966 and to highlight the continuing needs of homeless people.

The 'Homes for Cathy' group is organising a range of local and national events and initiatives in the months leading up to and around the anniversary.

Homelessness

The first TV showing of 'Cathy Come Home' led to a public outcry about the problem of homelessness. Up and down the country people came together - often in partnership with their local churches - to form housing associations in their town or city to provide homes for homeless people. Despite housing associations and others building hundreds of thousands of homes over the last fifty years, the problem of homelessness has not gone away.

Today more and more families are being accepted as homeless by local authorities up and down the country and last Christmas over 100,000 children were in temporary accommodation. There is simply not enough affordable housing around to meet their housing needs.

Cathy Come Home

'Cathy Come Home' was written by Jeremy Sandford and directed by Ken Loach. The drama documentary highlighted the desperate plight of a homeless family in London in the 1960's and had a powerful effect on television viewers.

Years later in 1998, it was voted the 'best single television drama' in a Radio Times poll.

Raising the profile of homelessness – progress so far

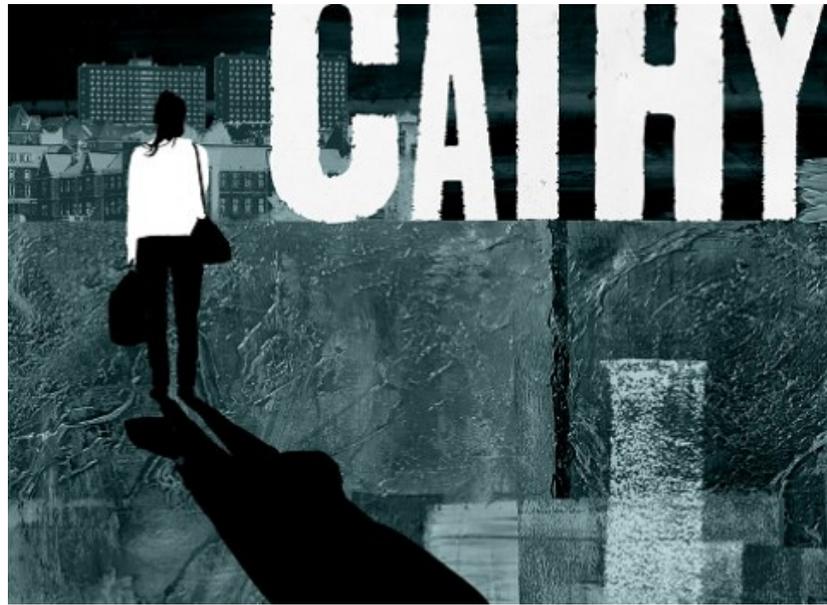
The 'Homes for Cathy' group have been working hard to use the 50th anniversary as an opportunity to highlight the continuing plight of homeless people.

Local Events

A number of housing associations in the Homes for Cathy group have commissioned the **Cardboard Citizens theatre group** to perform in their local town or city to raise awareness of homelessness. You can find details of local performances at: www.cardboardcitizens.co.uk

Housing associations in the Homes for Cathy group have also organised showings of Cathy Come Home at local cinemas - often combined with a debate about homelessness.

You can find a list of dates for these events at: www.homesforcathy.org.uk



London Events

2 November

Parliamentary dinner with RICS (by invite only)

16 November:

Placeshapers' conference.

Session on homelessness with Shelter, Crisis and Homes for Cathy group members,

22 November

Greater London Authority event at City Hall.

6 December

RICS 'Cathy Come Home' showing -including a debate with politicians.

Education Pack

The Homes for Cathy group have put together an 'education pack' with four modules to help young people (aged 11-19) discuss and learn about the problems of homelessness.

Please spread the word at your local schools, youth groups or charities.

Education packs are available to download at: www.homesforcathy.org.uk

Homes for Cathy
What is homelessness? - Module A



Homes for Cathy
'Cathy Come Home' film - Module B



Homes for Cathy badges



Homes for Cathy badges are available on request - wear yours with pride!

Look out for the Homes for Cathy group at the NHF conference in Birmingham.

More Information

The Homes for Cathy Group welcomes new member housing associations.

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