

## Evidence Session: Housing and Communities

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March  
11.00am-1.30pm  
Wilson Room, Portcullis House

Group 1: Housing and Planning	
<b>Matt Coe</b>	Matt is an expert in the field of crime prevention and is a Sergeant in the Metropolitan Police. He has been responsible for the delivery of Designing out Crime to all new buildings in South London since 2013 and has been instrumental in fostering widespread support and the expansion of Designing out Crime to all London boroughs.
<b>Jennifer Foster</b>	Jennifer has worked at Centrepoin in a number of roles since 2011 having previously worked for The Princes Trust. In her current role as National Head of Housing, she is a key member of the charity's Senior Management Team with responsibility for Centrepoin's housing and support services across the country.
<b>Rhia Vassallo</b>	Rhia has worked within the custodial estate for more than 10 years. Formerly the Head of the Offender Management Unit at Thameside, she currently oversees Catch22's Gang and Violence Reduction Services in HMP Thameside, HMP Pentonville and HM Feltham.
<b>Brian Hamlin</b>	Brian is a law graduate from Sheffield and has over 15 years working as a community specialist within the housing sector. He works across the country and has vast expertise in developing multi-agency based responses for communities faced by the effects of deprivation.
Group 2: Communities and Faith Groups	
<b>Talia Kensit</b>	Talia is the Founding Director of youth-led organisation, Youth Realities; tackling abusive teenage relationships through education and empowering the development of young people. Talia founded Youth Realities to create and encourage systematic change, and work holistically to end the violence epidemic that almost took her life at the young age of 15.
<b>Dunia Shafik</b>	Dunia aims to bridge the gap between perpetrators and victims. She has petitioned the Prime Minister urging the Government to better engage with perpetrators and their families in tackling knife crime. She is a mother, a Neuro-Linguistic Programmer and her educational background includes a BA in Childhood Studies and MA in Youth and Community Work.
<b>Ben Lindsay</b>	Ben is a pastor in South East London who has worked in the field of serious youth violence for many years. He previously led the early intervention team at Lewisham Youth Offending Service, where he developed successful knife crime prevention programmes. Ben also developed Camden Council's gangs and serious youth violence strategy and previously worked for the mental health charity MAC-UK.
<b>Steve Chalke</b>	Steve is a social entrepreneur, justice campaigner, author, motivational speaker, Baptist minister and former UN Special Advisor on Human Trafficking. He founded the Oasis Trust in 1985, and is a senior minister of Oasis Church, Waterloo. Oasis pioneers housing, education, healthcare, and many other community initiatives in the UK and elsewhere around the world.
<b>Tobi Adegboyega</b>	Tobi is the senior pastor of Salvation Proclaimers Anointed Church, a young dynamic church in South London. He is the founder of SPAC Nation Foundation which aims to tackle knife crime, exploitation and illegal activities in the communities they work with, while creating a new generation of young leaders.