



Press release

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Baroness Julia Neuberger DBE selected as new Chair of One Housing Group Board

Following the recent retirement of Brian Hurrell from the position of Board Chair, One Housing Group (OHG) is delighted to announce that Baroness Neuberger DBE has taken on the role from end of January.

Julia is well known for her work as a social reformer and member of the House of Lords and brings with her a wealth of experience and knowledge from a wide range of sectors. She was created a life peer in June 2004.

Throughout her life Julia has undertaken a large number of voluntary and philanthropic roles, as well as having been Chair of Camden and Islington Community Health Services NHS Trust and Chief Executive of the King's Fund. She also recently accepted the role of Champion for Volunteering for Prime Minister, Gordon Brown.

In this new role, Julia hopes to continue promoting One Housing Group's many successes, as well as looking at innovative ways to support people who need all kinds of extra care in their homes. She thinks that the present financial climate may be very difficult, but that it should also offer some opportunities for really creative thinking in the social housing world.

Julia is passionate about helping and supporting vulnerable people and has a particular interest in supported housing. Speaking about her recent appointment, she said: "I was bowled over when I was told that One Housing's board had selected me, and I very much hope I can help lead this relatively new and dynamic organisation in a difficult, but fascinating period for social housing."

Mick Sweeney, Chief Executive of One Housing Group added: "Julia is joining One Housing Group at an exciting time in the Group's development and she will be pivotal in helping the Group meet the social, financial and political challenges that lie ahead."

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Brian for all his hard work over the last ten years. Brian has been Chair of the OHG Board since the Group's formation in September 2007 and previously Chair of the Toynbee Housing Association Board.

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Notes to Editors

One Housing Group currently manages over 12,000 homes in 26 local authorities across London and adjacent counties, with over 2,700 homes in the development pipeline. These include shared ownership schemes; intermediate rent homes for key workers, affordable rented homes and homes for outright sale.

Community Housing Association, Island Homes and Toynbee Housing Association joined to form One Housing Group in September 2007.

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