

Is Welfare Reform Working? Report Launch Summary

On March 26th LSE Housing and Communities together with the HAILO housing group launched the report *Is Welfare Reform Working?*, a two year study following 200 working age social housing tenants with the aim of recording their experiences of work and welfare reform, by Eileen Herden, Bert Provan, and Anne Power.

Over 100 people from government, academia, and the private and charitable sector attended the event, chaired by Margaret Hodge MP. Presentations were given by Victor De Cunha, Chief Executive of the Curo Housing Group, Eileen Herden, principal researcher for the *Is Welfare Reform Working?* study,

Professor Anne Power, head of LSE Housing and Communities, and Sir John Hills, Director of CASE .

The presentations described what it is like for working age social housing tenants to work and look for work in Britain today, and shed light on the difficult decisions many tenants are making in the face of changes and reductions to their benefits. They also set out what government and housing providers can do to better support tenants to achieve working and stable lives. Links to the presentation slides as well as a podcast of the event can be found below.

We would like to thank everyone who attended the report launch, and invite those who missed it to please explore the links below, which include a copy of the report and related articles written in the Guardian and the LSE British Politics and Policy Blog.

Report:

<http://sticerd.lse.ac.uk/dps/case/cr/casereport90.pdf>

Presentation slides:

<http://sticerd.lse.ac.uk/seminarpapers/hailolaunch.pdf>



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Impacts on working age tenants
A study for SW HAILO

Overview report – March 2015

Research by Eileen Herden, Anne Power, Bert Provan

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Report Launch Podcast:

<http://sticerd.lse.ac.uk/dps/seminarpapers/media/hailo26032015.mp3>

Guardian Article, by Aditya Chakraborty:

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/mar/31/cameron-workers-shirkers-tory-law-benefit-cuts-deserving-poor#comments>

Guardian Article, by Professor Anne Power:

<http://www.theguardian.com/housing-network/2015/mar/26/debt-sanctions-and-skipped-meals-how-welfare-reform-affects-social-tenants>

LSE British Politics and Policy Blog:

<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/politicsandpolicy/is-welfare-working/>

Launch Event Photos

