



Castlemilk's Housing and Human Rights Lived Experience Board





Human Rights and Social Housing

“Human rights have special significance in relation to social housing. Quality of housing can have a huge impact on wellbeing. Inadequate housing increases the risk of severe ill health and disability; it can also lead to poor mental health, lower educational attainment, unemployment and poverty.”

(EHRC
2011)

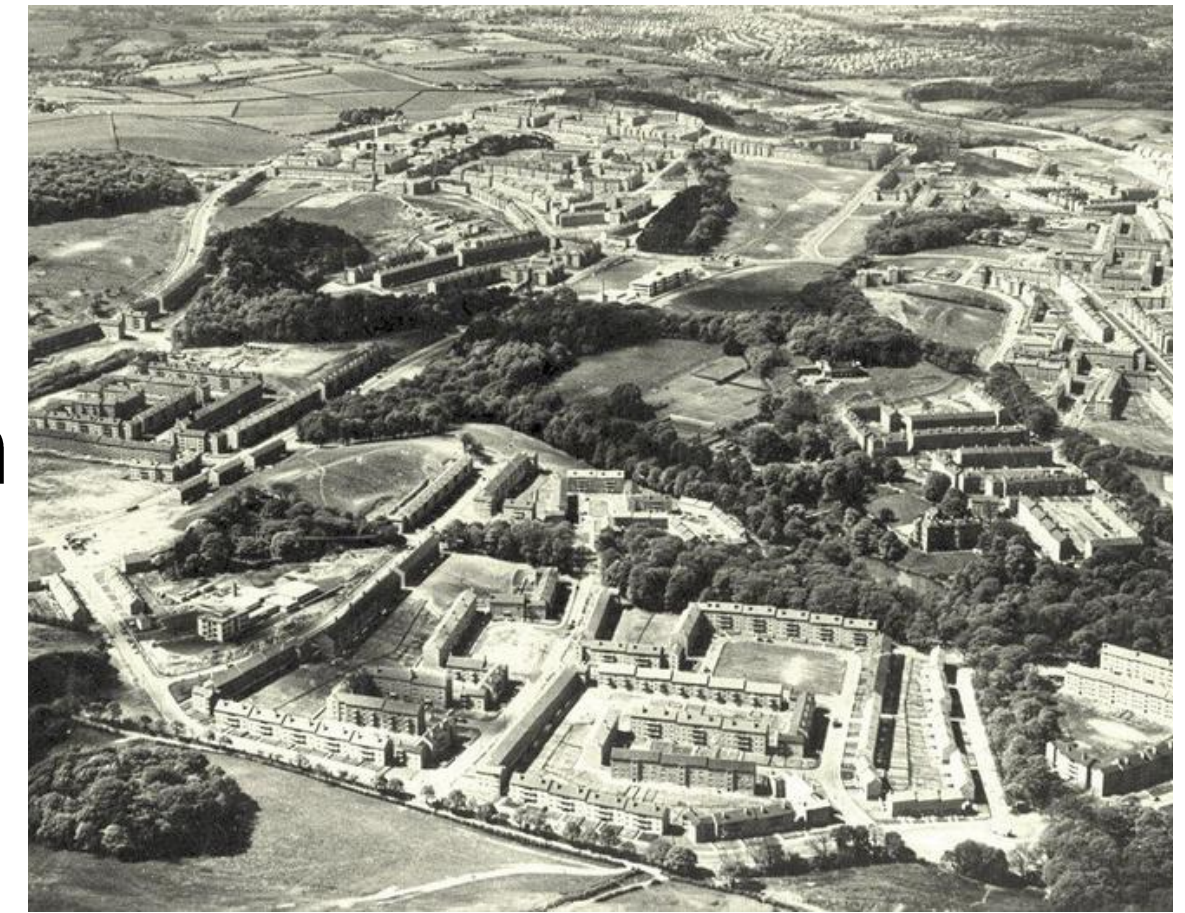
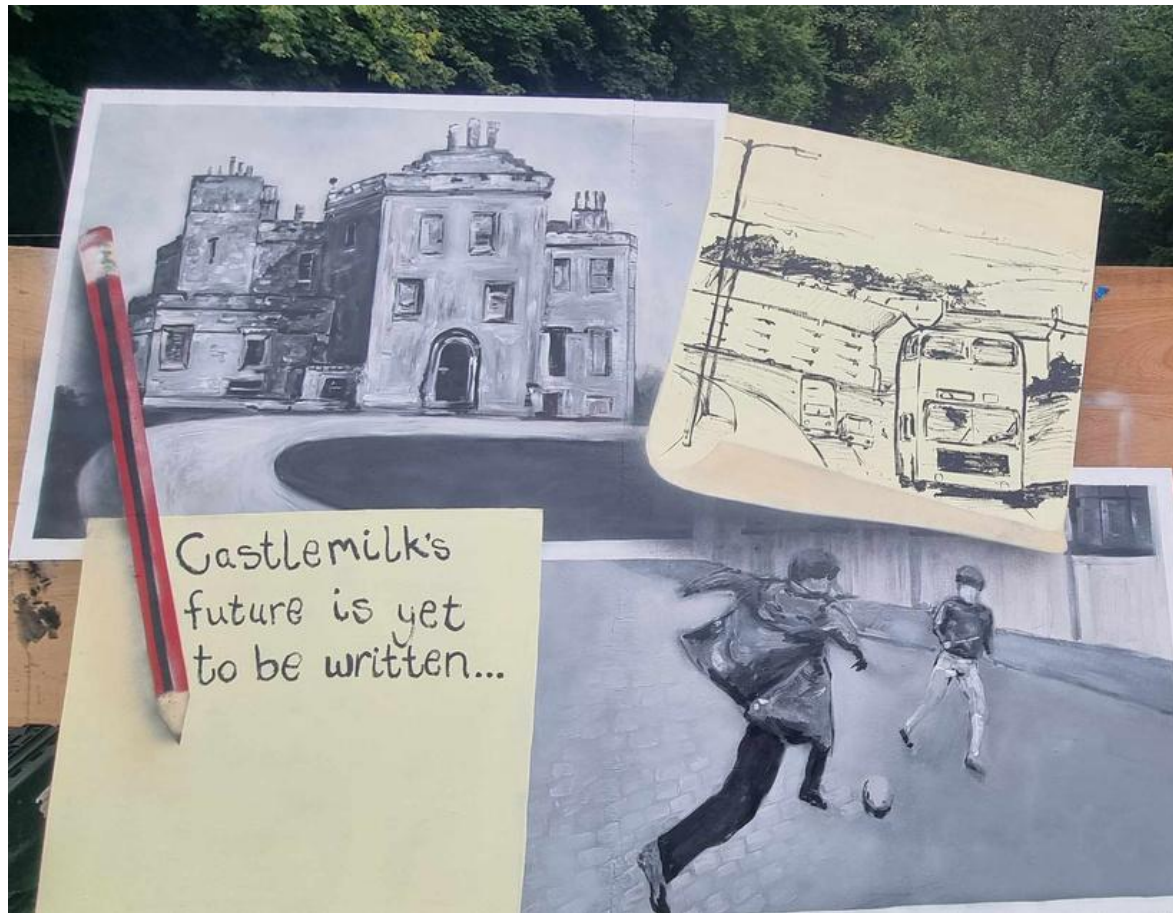
Our History



The Purpose of the Board's work is to close the gap between human rights theory and people's everyday experiences.

We focus on implementing a human rights-based approach in our work comprising of the Panel Principles. They are:

- **Participation**
- **Accountability**
- **Non-discrimination**
- **Empowerment**
- **Law**



The delivery of legal duties and enabling the equal enjoyment of human rights depends on policy, service and funding on decisions being informed by the experiences of people with lived experience.

Our Work to Date

**Strategic
Engagement**

**Evidenced
based
arguments
for change**

**Promote our
messages
widely through
the press and
media**

**We identified
what matters
locally and how
human rights
provide a route to
securing action by
duty bearers**

**Produce and
distribute
handbooks of
information**

**Participating
in training
and events**

**Record
personal
stories of why
Human Rights
matter**

**Making a written
submission to the UN
Committee on
Economic, Social and
Cultural Rights. Now
promoting the UN's
list of actions for
Government.**

Examples of our Strategic Advocacy and Engagement

Scottish Parliament

John Somers- Director of Equality,
Inclusion and Human Rights

Kavita Chetty- Deputy Director of
Human Rights

Castlemilk Law Centre

Angus McIntosh
Senior Principal Solicitor

Scottish Poverty and Inequality Commission Professor

Stephen Sinclair - Chair



Scottish Federation of Housing

Tom Ockendon - External Affairs
Coordinator

Brian McLaughlin - Media Officer

Scottish Human Rights Commission

Angela O'Hagan - Chair
Dr Claire Methven O'Brien -
Commissioner
Oonagh Brown- Policy and
Participation Officer.

Human Rights Six

- 1.** Because we are human, we have human rights. They are not the gold standard but a set of minimum entitlements.
- 2.** You don't have human rights until you know about them, so we are promoting them to as many people as possible.
- 3.** Rights are respected, protected and fulfilled only when duty bearers understand their responsibilities, so we say 'Be Responsible for Human Rights'!
- 4.** Human rights are equally important in enabling people to thrive – economic rights, social rights, civil rights, political rights, cultural rights and environmental rights.
- 5.** Housing is a human right and a gateway to all our rights, please help spread the news to decision makers and funders!
- 6.** As Board members from the four community based housing associations in Castlemilk, we are rights holders as well as duty bearers and we want to ensure we fulfill our duties too. Join us in making that happen!

Achievements so far

2023

CHHRLEB
was established

2024

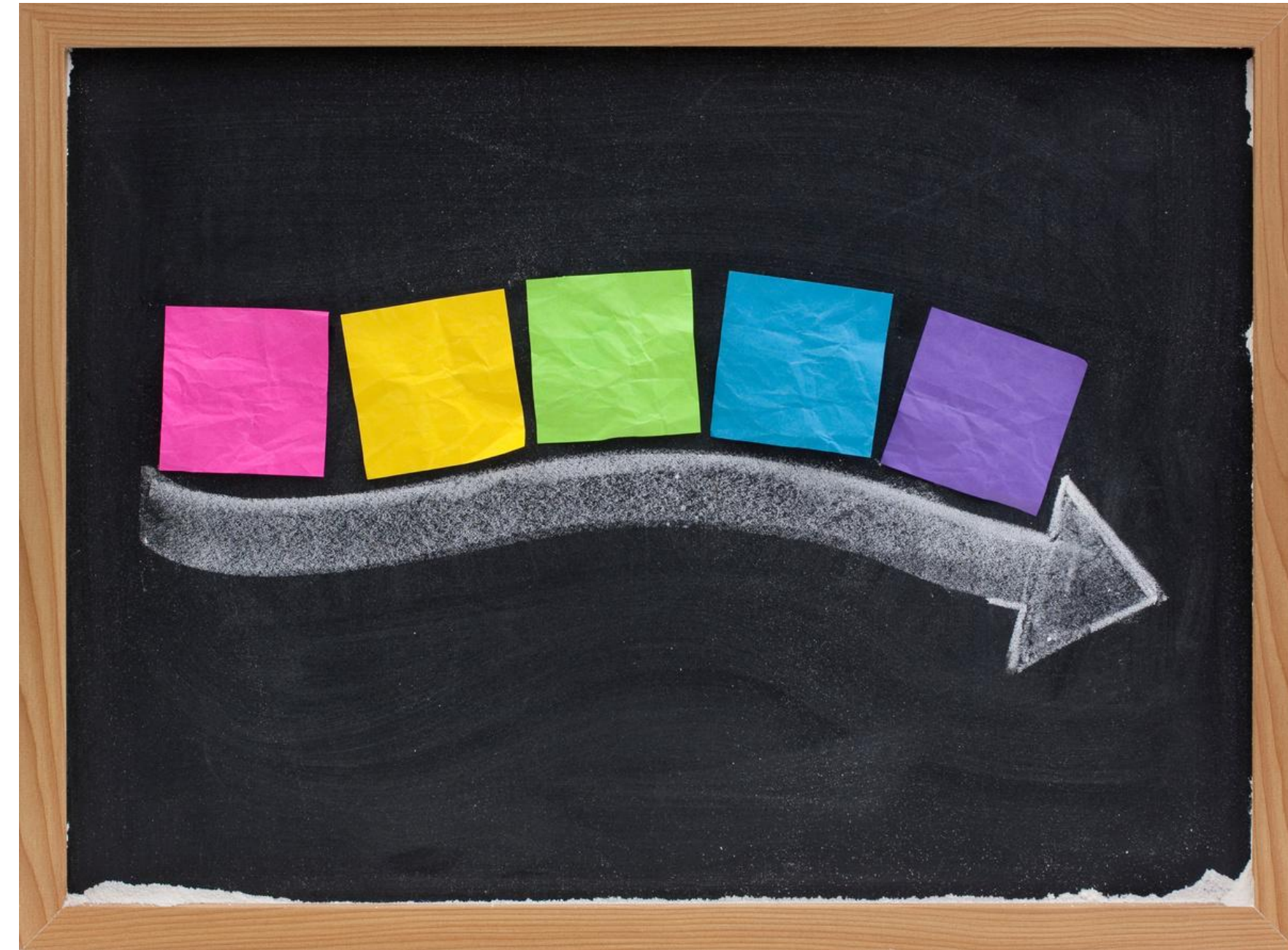
We were shortlisted by the
Scottish Housing Awards for
the Partnership Working Award

2025

We sent a written submission to the
UN Committee on Economic, Social
and Cultural Rights, followed up by
attending an online meeting with the
committee.

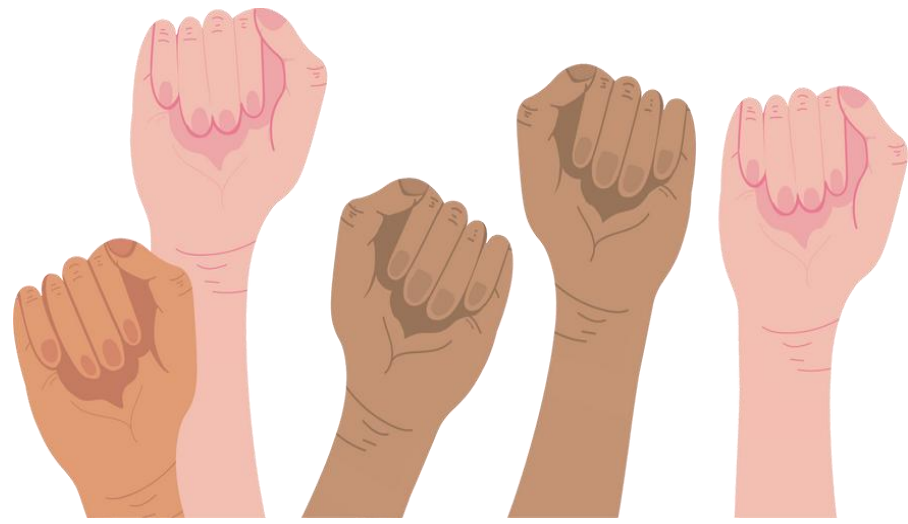
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We are also shortlisted for the TPAS
awards– Our category is “Good
Practice in Involving Tenants in a
current issue”



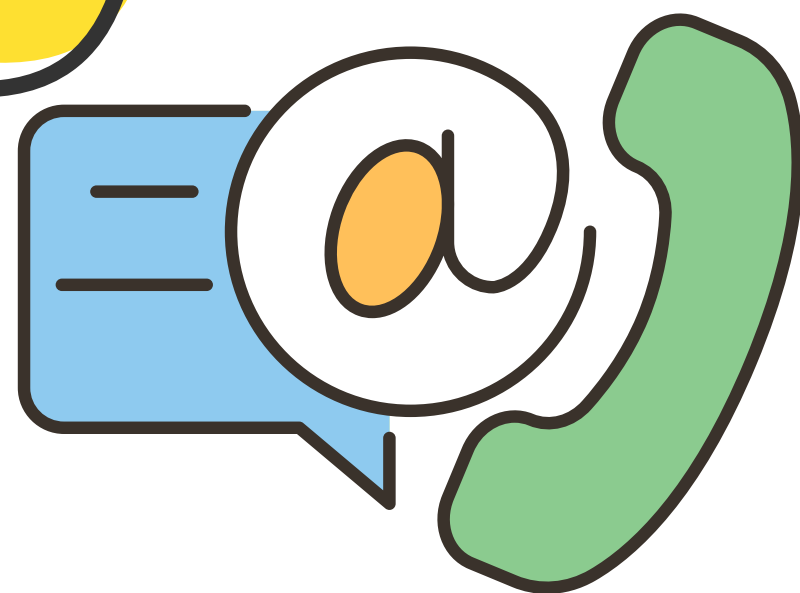
A portrait of a man with dark hair and glasses, wearing a white and dark blue striped sweater. He is looking slightly upwards and to the right. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Andrew William Marshall
Board Member
North View Housing Association



**Are you interested in setting up a
Housing, Human Rights and
Lived Experience Board
in your community?**

CONTACT US



**For more information,
to answer questions or to
set up a meeting**

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