

### Innovative payment by results model launched

For us, payment by results is not new. We have always been driven by the outcomes we achieve.

We have always believed that, if we keep people out of prison as we do, then it is only reasonable that we get a share of the benefit.

We are delighted to see that this approach is now firmly on the governments agenda.

We have developed a model that means that we get paid, not only for housing people, but for keeping people out of prison.

We also have teamed up with a recycling company, Think 3e, in an innovative partnership. They provide training and employment for people whilst serving prisoners and then on release. We provide their housing.



Between us, we cover all aspects of rehabilitation. And the clever bit? As well as being green, all our costs are covered by the money generated from recycling.

### An alternative to prison for women

Penrose and Vision Housing have joined forces to form a strategic partnership to help women leaving prison obtain the help they want immediately they need it. How are we doing this? In a new, innovative purpose-built supported housing scheme in North London. We will be targeting women who leave prison, who have drug and/or alcohol issues and are on the 'revolving door'.

We know from our experience that these are the very people who need it most.

We are also providing an alternative to prison, as a secure housing option, for example when a women is on a supervision order and under curfew.

We will provide a range of programmes to support education and effective reintegration.

Penrose and Vision have a very similar genetic history. Both organisations were set up by ex-offenders for ex-offenders. Both provide housing and on-going support. But the actual services we provide are very different and therefore perfectly complementary.



### Recruitment news

We are still recruiting for both North and South London offices (including volunteers).

If you are interested in a role with us, please contact **Lisa on 0208 648 0402**.

### New contracts

We are delighted to announce that we are now working with London Probation Trust, Southwalk, Lewisham, Merton, Islington, Hackney, Bromley, New Directions, Crisis and the Metropolitan Police.

### New web-site launched

We are pleased to announce that we have a new web-site. The new version is easier to navigate so that landlords, clients, donors and referring organisations can find the information they need quickly.

As ever, we are always looking to improve what we do and we would welcome any feedback on the new site [www.visionhousing.org.uk](http://www.visionhousing.org.uk)

## Crisis loan situation clarified

Last year, we hosted a DWP policy working group at our offices in Carshalton.

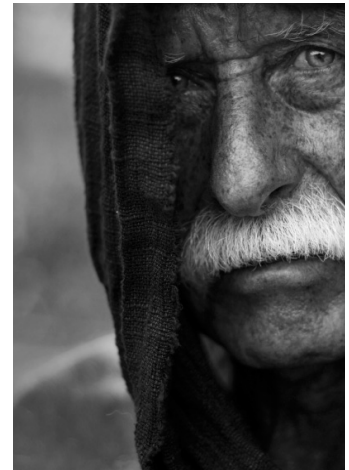
Policy makers from the DWP met with those individuals and organisations that were affected by changes to entitlement.

One issue raised was access to crisis loans. A number of clients were coming to us that were unable to access their loans because they were 'maxed out'.

In many cases, this was because they had accessed crisis loans in the past but had spent their money on substance mis-use.

Although there was some confusion at the time of the announcement, we fully support the changes and were instrumental in changing the policy.

This does not affect our ability to access crisis loans.



## Vision goes global

Anny Darkwa, founder and MD of Vision Housing has become an Ashoka fellow.

Ashoka is the global association of the world's leading social entrepreneurs—men and women with system changing solutions for the world's most urgent social problems.

It is a global community that develops models for collaboration and design

infrastructure needed to advance the field of social entrepreneurship.

It is a prestigious award and we are delighted to be honoured in this way.

What will this mean for Vision Housing? First, along with the honour, comes support and access to international funding. Second, more importantly, it will allow us to become part of an

international network of Ashoka entrepreneurs, with whom we can share ideas and solutions. Finally, it will give us the opportunity to apply the model we have developed in the UK to other countries.



## Annual General Meeting

Our 2010/11 Annual General Meeting is being held on 20th April 2011 from 13:00 to 16:00 at :

Esmee Fairbairn Foundation  
Kings Place  
90 York Way  
London  
N1 9AG

We do have a few remaining spaces. If you would like to attend, then please contact Sue on [info@visionhousing.org.uk](mailto:info@visionhousing.org.uk).

Look forward to seeing you there.

“We knew that 2011 would be a challenging year. Despite this, we are making good progress. Both our offices are now functioning well. We have increased the number of organisations and landlords that we are working with. We are collaborating more with other organisations and that is very exciting. It is allowing us to move into new areas and bid for contracts that we would not be able to before. All in all, a good start to the year and plenty to look forward to.”

**Adrian Gains, Chair**

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