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Child Poverty Action Group Wellington Summary of Housing Discussion Meeting 12 August 2014

Points drawn from group discussions collated by Gay Keating

Break out groups were given the following question: What are the critical points for a Housing Plan? Below are the main ideas which arose.

Home ownership is key – affordable, near services

Mixed purchase option (Rent to buy, shared ownership, Habitat for Humanity)
Capitalise Working for families or KiwiSaver for deposits
Government involved (building affordable housing)
Housing developments to provide a proportion of affordable homes
Modular buildings
Reinstate legal option for terminating Building Societies

Mixed tenure neighbourhoods - Get rid of the stigma of social housing and gated communities

Capital gains tax
Rental Bonds
Interest to benefit renters/tenants union
Amend bond/rent-in-advance provisions
Housing WOF (include minimum standard for space heating)
New construction
Space standards
More medium density developments

1000 additional housing units per year

Not ghetto-ised, integrated into communities, good urban design, avoid stigma
Smart, sustainable design
All rental properties need a WoF
Security of tenure
Whole Housing plan- accountability of Minister of Housing

Four parts to the plan

Agency with responsibility to determine need and direction
Tenancy reform for long term, secure tenancy
A national institution (Cf Shelter in UK) to take housing interests
Liveable wages – adequate incomes

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Renting and owning

Landlords accountability (housing WoF, checks before accommodation supplement); reward good landlords

Owning (education re savings, mortgages); encourage rent-to-buy

Integration – houses are part of communities

Housing is one part of a multi-faceted intervention against poverty
Think about solutions in practice and risks of perverse implications

Also check out this blog from one of our guest speakers: [Realising the right to housing](#) by Elinor Chisholm from the *He Kainga Oranga*/Housing and Health Research Programme, Wellington

Thanks to everyone who joined us for this stimulating discussion, please keep Tuesday 9 September, 5.30pm – 7.00pm free in your diary for the next Wellington Event on Tuesday 9 September, 5.30pm – 7pm.

For more great ideas on how you can make a difference, visit the [Take Action](#) section of our website or join us on [Facebook](#). CPAG is also part of the [‘Tick for Kids’ Campaign](#) this election – make sure you’re part of it too!

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