

Chicago Hosts 10th Annual International Housing Partnership Leadership Exchange

Leaders from more than 60 premier housing and community development organizations in Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States met in Chicago the week of October 5th for a series of high-level peer exchanges. Key topics included impact investment and other sources of capital; stock transfers, mergers, and collaborations for growth and efficiency; new business lines and entrepreneurship; talent management and leadership development; strategic approaches to resident success; and the continuing transformation of the sector.



David Orr, chief executive of the UK's National Housing Federation, led two sessions, one on raising the profile of the sector and another on creating a better housing delivery system. The meeting featured a session on impact investing hosted by MacArthur Foundation President Julia Stasch, with the participation of Matthew Bishop, the US Business Editor and New York Bureau Chief of The Economist, and author of *Philanthrocapitalism*. It

also included a tour of properties developed by Mercy Housing, POAH, and Heartland Housing.



This was the tenth annual leadership exchange of the International Housing Partnership (IHP), which brings together 175 leading housing and community development organizations from the four countries, with a collective portfolio of more than one million affordable homes serving two and a half million people.



Shayne Ramsay, CEO of BC Housing in British Columbia, Canada, was elected chair of IHP for 2016, and Scott Langford, general manager of Junction Housing in South Australia was elected vice chair.

"This is a globally unique forum," Langford noted. "The level of peer exchange, coupled with the depth and breadth of expertise, is very valuable. Whether through formal sessions, informal interactions or the background materials

I always come away with something to stimulate ideas."



For more information about IHP and the 2016 IHP Leadership Exchange to be held in Ottawa, Canada the week of October 3rd, contact [Manuel Muelle](#).