

Press Release

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London: the unaffordable city?

- Why is London housing so expensive?
- What can be done to help students in the housing crisis?

Join [Tom Copley](#), Labour chair of the Greater London Authority (GLA) [Housing Committee](#); [Sian Berry](#), the [Green Party](#) candidate for Mayor of London; [Andrew Boff](#), Conservative member of the GLA [Housing Committee](#), [Kristian Niemietz](#), from the [Institute of Economic Affairs](#); and [Betsy Dillner](#), Director of [Generation Rent](#) for a debate on one of London's most explosive issues.

London Met's Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities hosts a live discussion on Tuesday 1 March.

With homelessness on the rise and the need for approximately 63,000 more homes every year, students moving to the city face extortionate rents in a highly competitive market.

Shelly Asquith, NUS vice president (welfare) says "Currently student accommodation takes up 95% of the maximum amount of finance available for a student, which leaves them with an impossibly small amount of money to live on."

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<https://london-the-unaffordable-city.eventbrite.co.uk>

Event Information:

London: The Unaffordable City?

Tuesday, 1 March 2016 from 16:30 to 19:00
Henry Thomas Room, TG30
London Metropolitan University
166-220 Holloway Road
London
N7 8DB

Speakers:

- [Tom Copley](#), Labour chair of the GLA [Housing Committee](#)
- [Sian Berry](#), [Green Party](#) candidate for Mayor of London
- [Andrew Boff](#), Conservative member of the GLA [Housing Committee](#)

- [Kristian Niemietz, Institute of Economic Affairs](#)
- [Betsy Dillner, Generation Rent](#) FSSH

The event will be a panel discussion open to questions from the audience, followed by refreshments

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