

Building and maintaining a positive culture

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Simon Sineck : "All organisations start with WHY but only the great ones keep their WHY clear year after year"



"Together, we are building a better future for our Phoenix Community"





















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I've learned that

people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.

- Maya Angelou



Dampness, Mould, Yorkshire Housing Association

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Our Learning (so far)

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Deep Dive into the issue commissioned in August '21

Our learning/findings - from a culture perspective

Sorry, no quick wins – just ideas!

Unpicking historical practice...in a kind way!

Willingness to be self-critical

Data driven

Initial findings – linked to culture

Customers needing to revert to using Complaints process to seek satisfactory remedial action

'Othering' which affects the tenacity that some employees will pursue the matter – especially where it's not an overt asset-related matter

Increasing customer expectations and holding us to account

Contradictory messaging of our materials – air flow and air tightness

Using every opportunity to **make every contact count** with our assets and customers

Initial findings – linked to individual culture

Disproportionate amount of adverse impact for our racially and ethnically diverse customers.

Anecdotal feedback on occupancy numbers – little substance when investigated.

Customer awareness of the issue and willingness to 'rock the boat'.

Cultural awareness/considerations - in some cases, conscious and unconscious bias

Our work...so far

Perspective from the top (hold us to account)

Resourcing the issue right

It's a **shared** issue until it's not an issue

Understanding/addressing unconscious bias

Resetting the relationship

Cultural competency learning

Homes to be proud of & making it personal