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DAVID ORR, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, NATIONAL HOUSING FEDERATION - BIOGRAPHY

David Orr took up his post as Chief Executive of the National Housing Federation in July 2005. For the past 15 years, David has been Chief Executive of the Scottish Federation of Housing Associations. David also previously worked in London as Director of Newlon Housing Trust (a housing association in the high stress, high need areas of the East End) and for nine years with young homeless people at Centrepoin, in Soho.

David grew up in Edinburgh and graduated with an MA in Social Administration from Dundee University before starting work with homeless people in Glasgow. While in London, David chaired a housing association Management Committee and Homeless Network, a co-ordinating group for voluntary organisations working with single homeless people. He also chaired the Young Homelessness Group and Care & Repair (Age Concern) Scotland and was until devolution the Secretary of the All Party Scottish Housing Group, a parliamentary discussion forum on Scottish housing issues. David completed a one year secondment to the Scottish Executive in October 2001, as Community Ownership Manager.

He is presently a Director of the Housing Finance Corporation and a series of associated companies and a founding Director of Co-operative and Mutual Business Services (CMBS). David is also a member of the Social Investment Task Force which supports the development of social investment in the UK.

Since June 2008, David has been President of CECODHAS, the European Committee for Social Housing that represents 39,000 public, voluntary and cooperative social housing enterprises in 19 countries. Together they provide over 22 million homes across the European Union.

The **National Housing Federation** represents 1,300 independent, not-for-profit housing associations in England. Together, our members provide around 2 million affordable homes for over five million people, creating places where people want to live.

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