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Winner of CIH vice-president election announced

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Jo Richardson has been elected as the new vice-president of the Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH).



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Jo Richardson, new vice-president of the CIH (picture: Chartered Institute of Housing)

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Dr Richardson, who is a professor of housing and social inclusion at De Montfort University, won 52.1% of the vote, beating Jim Ripley, chief executive of Phoenix, who received 47.9% of the vote.

Writing [last week in *Inside Housing*](#), Dr Richardson said that her vision, if she were elected, would focus on three areas: ending street homelessness, building a lifelong housing careers plan and growing CIH membership and networks.

In the piece she said she wanted to see the sector as the “driving force behind ending street homelessness” and wanted to push for the construction of the right mix of homes across the country.

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She also said: “I’m proud to still be part of a sector that makes such a difference to millions of people’s lives. As a long-standing CIH member, I play my part in maintaining professional standards and integrity in our global housing sector through applied research and education.”

Dr Richardson will serve as vice-president of the CIH from the organisation’s annual general meeting on 15 November, before stepping up to the role of president next year.

Aileen Evans, the CIH’s current vice-president, will become president of the organisation, taking over from Jim Strang.

Dr Richardson told *Inside Housing* she will “work hard” to support Ms Evans with her presidential campaign, which focuses on mental health.



CIH vice-president election 2019



Current CIH president Jim Strang (picture: CIH)

The Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH) elects a new vice-president every year. As well as supporting the president and acting as an ambassador for the professions, the VP has an input into the direction of CIH's policy development and our engagement with members.

At the end of their year, they step up to become the next president.

The current CIH president is Jim Strang, with the vice-president Aileen Evans.

This year, academic Jo Richardson is up against Jim Ripley to act as vice-president to Ms Evans in 2020, before their tenure as president in 2021.

Members need to vote for their favourite candidate by 5pm on Friday (27 September).

More information is available [here](#).

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