



Houses at... Parliament

A hand is holding a paper cutout of a house. The cutout is made of orange paper with a repeating pattern of small suns. The words "Campaign Kit" are written in a bold, black, sans-serif font across the front of the house.

Campaign Kit

#HousesAtParliament

Origami House Campaign

HOUSES AT PARLIAMENT

Thank you for signing up to participate in our campaign for safe and affordable housing for everyone. We are asking the Victorian Government to commit to building at least 6000 new social housing properties per year.

It's wonderful to be working with you and other organisations across the sector - we're excited to see what you come up with!

This document is your guide to the campaign and how to get involved.



What's included

Campaign Information

The first few pages of this document contain information about the campaign, our asks (which you can use as key messages), what you need to do to get involved and ideas for how to host origami house making events and display your creations.

Origami instructions

These will help you make origami houses. There are 3 instruction formats: a video, diagrams and photos. You may choose to print them for when you run your activity.

Posters

The last pages of this document contain several posters. You can print these out and use them as part of your display or for other promotion or educational purposes.

About

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Ending Homelessness

The last Census shows that, on any given night, at least 30,000 Victorians are without a home (including 6,800 children).

They're living in their car, staying somewhere temporary like a friend's couch, in a shelter or refuge, or have nowhere to go at all.

In a country as wealthy as Australia, no-one should be without a home.

The top 3 causes of homelessness are family violence, financial difficulties, and the housing crisis.

We can end homelessness by building more homes. For most people, a home that they can afford would end their homelessness.

Our campaign

The Victorian Homelessness Network (VHN) is raising awareness about the urgent need for more social and public housing. There are 57,000 households on the social housing waitlist TODAY and the numbers are growing every week. We need at least 6,000 new properties to be built per year.

Help us fold 6,000 origami houses.

We will display the houses at Parliament House on 2nd August, for Homelessness Week, to highlight the urgent need for Governments to fix the housing crisis and end homelessness.

Campaign asks

We are asking that State and Federal Governments commit to:

Building a steady ongoing pipeline of at least 6,000 new social houses in Victoria per year

and

Creating a National plan to END homelessness.



What can you do?

Help us fold origami houses between now and the end of July. The instructions are attached.

Take a photo of you and your house/s to post on social media- #HousesAtParliament; #HW2023; #HousingEndsHomelessness; #ItsTimeToEndHomelessness;

Have fun folding ...it's a great group activity!

To find out more (and to arrange drop off of your houses) contact:

How to get involved

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What you need to do

1. **Bring people together to build origami houses by hosting an event with your local community (community members, staff, volunteers).**
2. Gather supplies:
 - Square paper (here's a video about [how to turn an A4 sheet into a square](#))
 - Markers/Pens for writing messages
 - Decorations (e.g. stickers, glitter etc.)
3. (Optional) Print out the instructions and posters at the end of this pack. You can use these during the event and in your display.
4. Use your event to educate and discuss housing issues with your community. Don't forget to take photos!
5. Create a display using your creations - you can add to this with each event you host.
6. Share any photos and messages from your event online with the hashtag **#HousesAtParliament** as well as any of the following
#HousingEndsHomelessness
#ItsTimeToEndHomelessness
#HW2023



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Ideas for hosting events

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Hosting an event can be simple and you'll be surprised by how many houses you can make in just a short time!

Small ways to make a big impact

You don't need a large gathering of people and lots of fanfare to make a big impact. Here are some ideas for hosting a quick and easy event:

- **Short on time?** Grab a timer and make it a competition - see how many houses you can create (and how many housing facts you can list!) in a set time.
- **A gathering of two still counts!** Grab your coworker/family member/dearest friend and make some houses together while you explain the purpose of the campaign.
- **Go online!** Can't get together in-person? Organise a video call. You can pull up the instructions on a shared screen, or watch the video together. Make yourself a cuppa, get creating and have a casual chat about housing.

Remember, all the origami houses will be put together in a final display. So, no matter how many you make you'll be contributing to something that will make a big impact!

For the ambitious

Need a challenge? Here are some great ways to raise awareness with your community:

- Get in touch with your MP and invite them to your event! Take the campaign directly to the people who need to hear about it.
- Set up a stand in your local shopping mall. Get your community involved and talking.
- Host an event at your local neighbourhood house. Making origami houses is a fun activity for all ages!

Spread the word - the more conversations you have with your community the stronger our campaign. You could even get your local media involved!

Remember to share what you make online #HousesAtParliament

Ideas for displaying houses

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Displaying your house creations will make for a great conversation starter - so don't be afraid to get creative!

Here are some ideas to inspire you:

- **Create a window display.** You can stick your houses, messages and posters in a public-facing window.
- **Use a pin board.** Pin your creations and other items to a board and hang it on (or lean it against) a wall.
- **Hang houses with string.** Have your houses dangle gently from a suitable place - you may even use coat hangers to help.
- **Set up a table display.** The design of the house means they can stand on their own, making an effective table display!

It would be good to think about your display lasting until all the houses are collected for the final art installation. We're excited to see what you come up with!



Remember to share what you make online [#HousesAtParliament](#)

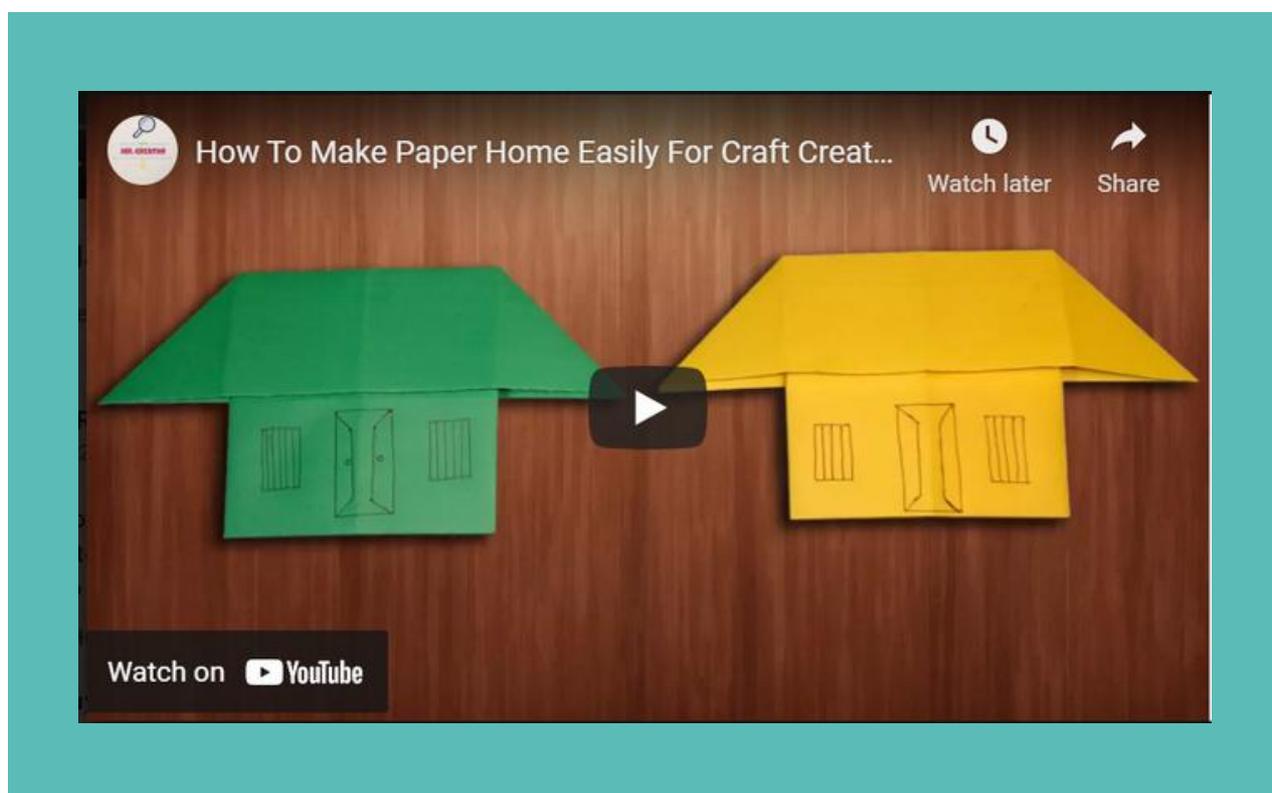
Examples



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How to build an origami house

Video instructions: <https://bit.ly/OrigamiHouseVid>

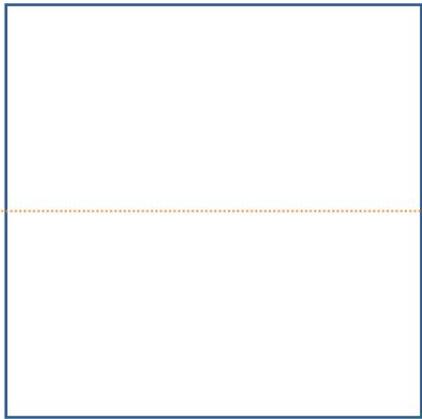


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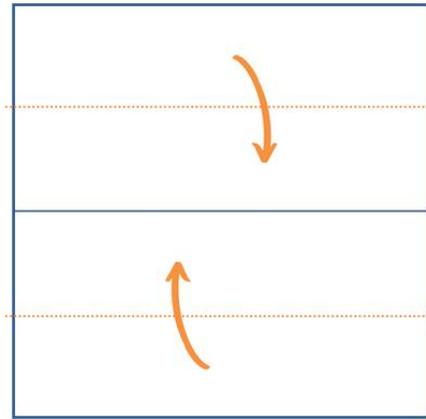
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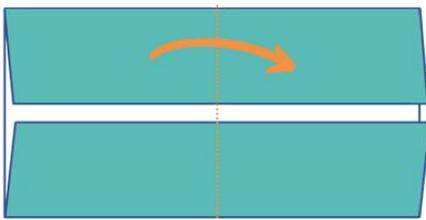
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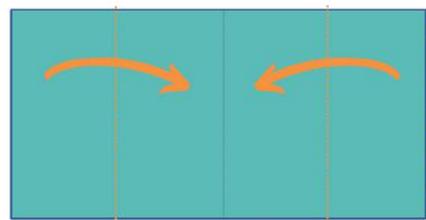
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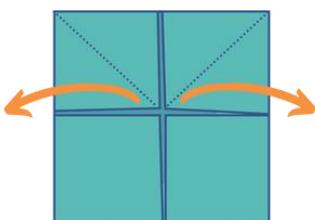
3. Create crease in centre.



4. Turn over. Fold edges toward crease.



5. Open top corners and flatten.



6. Flip over. Decorate & write a message!



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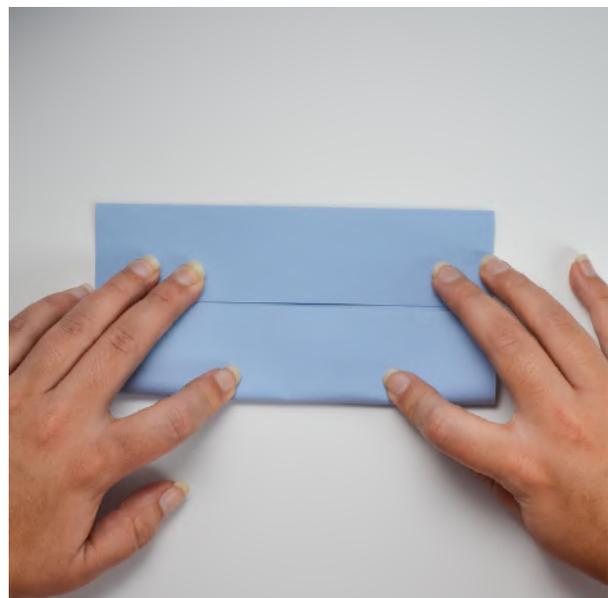
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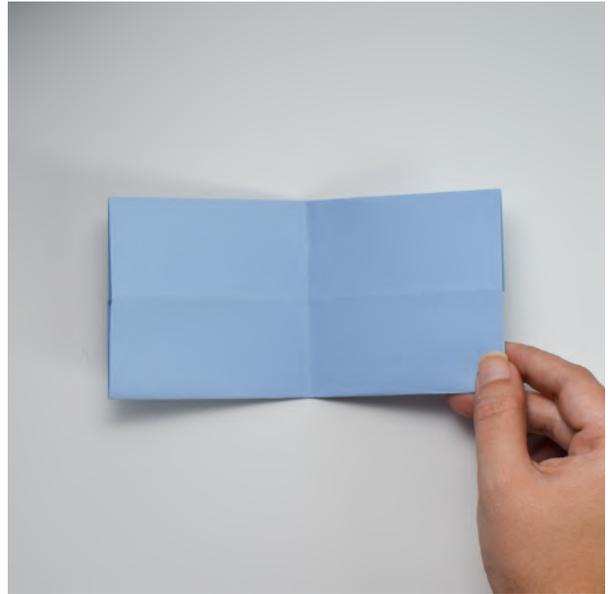
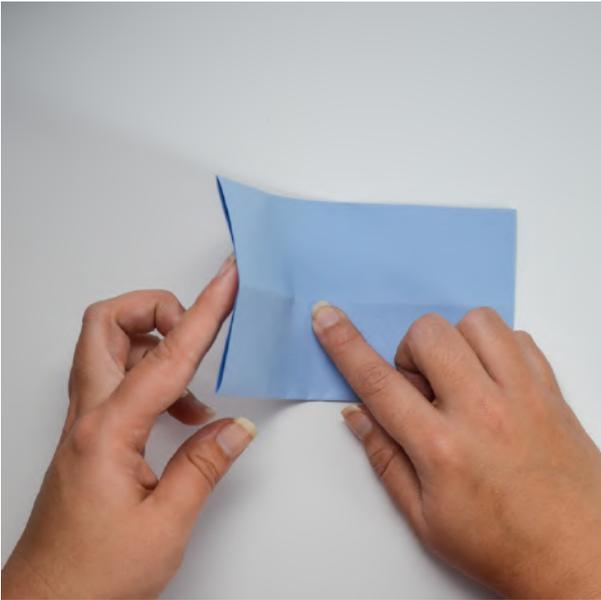


2. Open square and fold the top and bottom towards the centre.

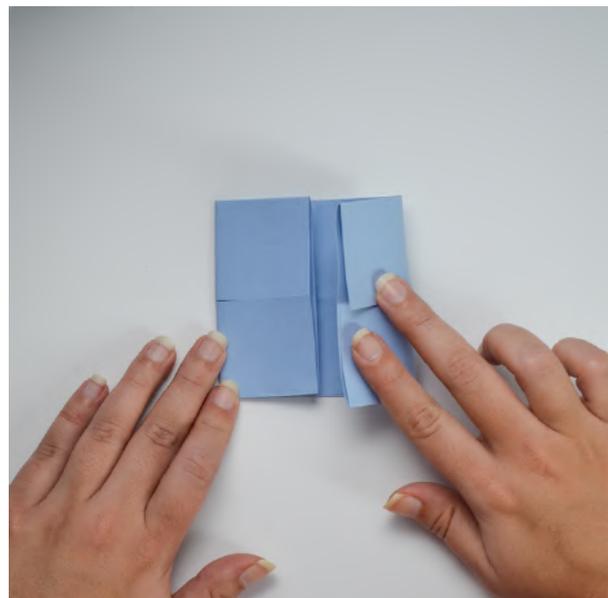
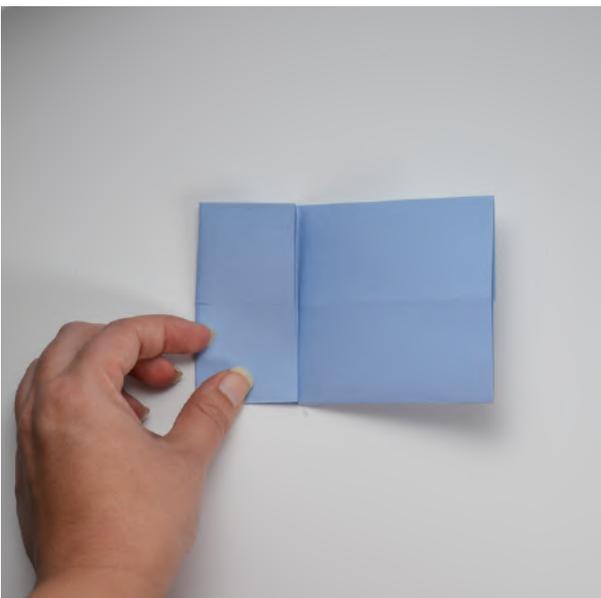


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3. Flip the paper over and fold in half to create a vertical crease.

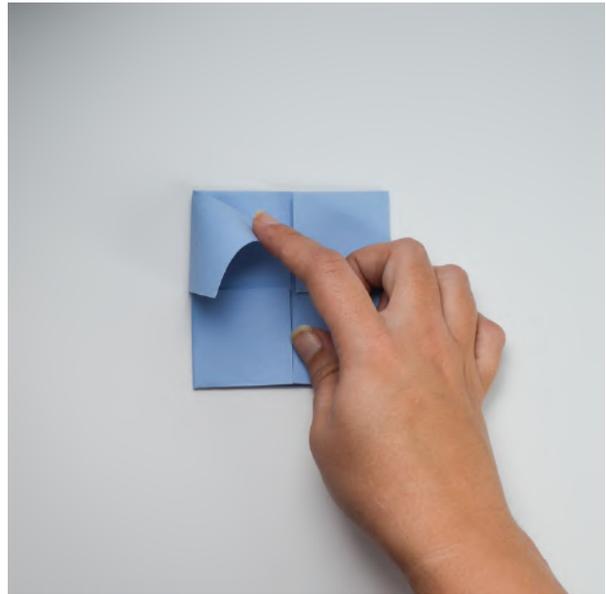
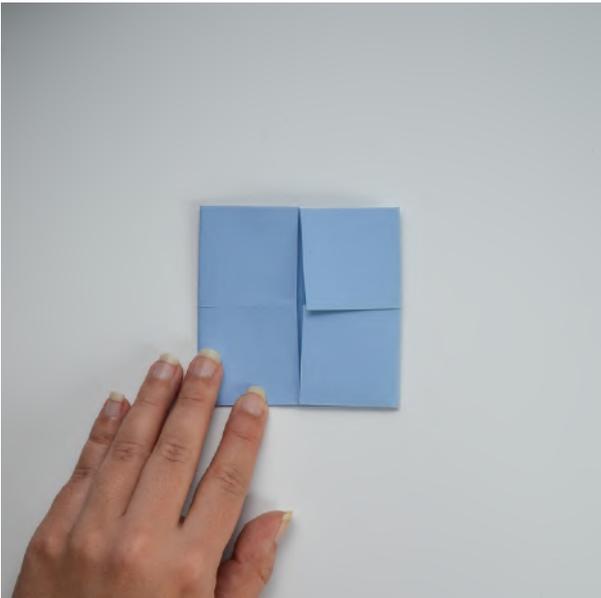


4. Fold the left and right sides towards the new crease.

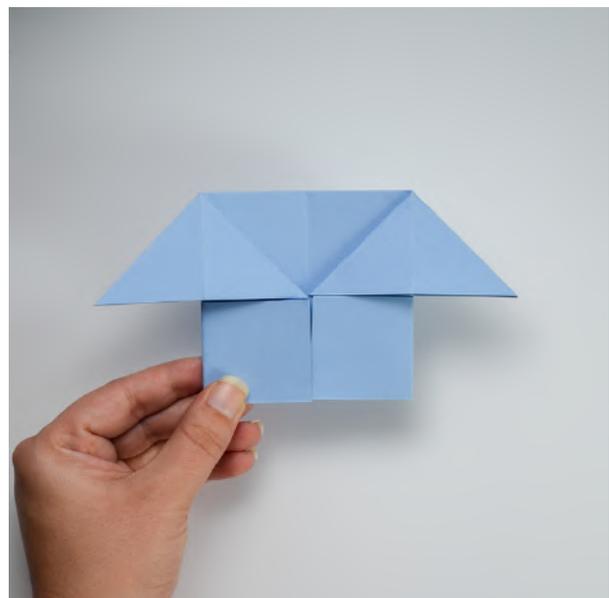
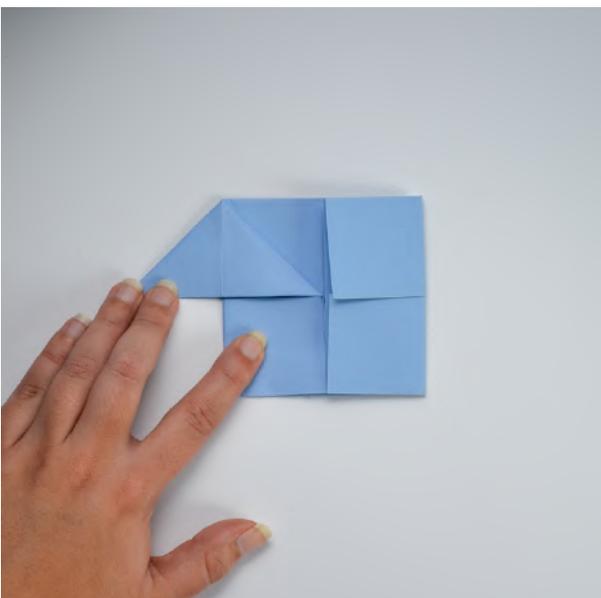


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5. Open the top left corner.



6. Flatten the corner to create two diagonal folds. Repeat for the top right corner.



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7. Flip over - you've made a house!



8. (Optional) Decorate and write a message about what a home means to you.



About the campaign

#HOUSES AT PARLIAMENT



A home for everyone

We need more social and public housing so everyone has a home.

The Victorian government will soon be releasing its *Ten-Year Strategy for Social and Affordable Housing*.

We're calling on the State and Federal Government to commit to building a steady ongoing pipeline of at least 6,000 new social houses in Victoria per year.

Homelessness

In Australia, **homelessness is defined as being without a secure, stable, safe and private living space and the ability to control that space.** This includes people living in boarding houses, sleeping in their cars and couch surfing. It also captures people living in insecure or inadequate housing.

Get involved

Help us fold origami houses!

The houses you create will become part of a collective display at Parliament House on 2nd August, for Homelessness Week, to highlight the urgent need for Governments to fix the housing crisis and end homelessness

This is a simple and fun activity to do with your neighbours, colleagues, friends and family. We hope it will spark conversation about homelessness in Australia and what we can do to help.

Did you know?

There are over **57,000 households** on the Victorian Housing register waiting for social housing.



What does a home mean to you?



There are 
NO PROPERTIES
in Victoria that are

affordable & appropriate

for a **single person** receiving
JobSeeker

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Did you know?

It is estimated that

500 applications

are added to the Victorian Housing Register
waiting list

every month



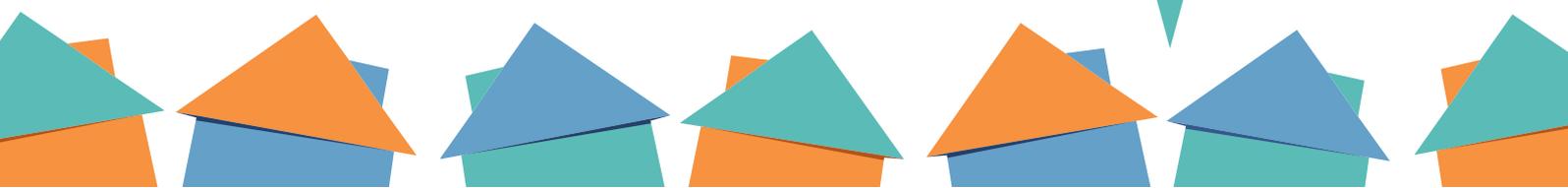
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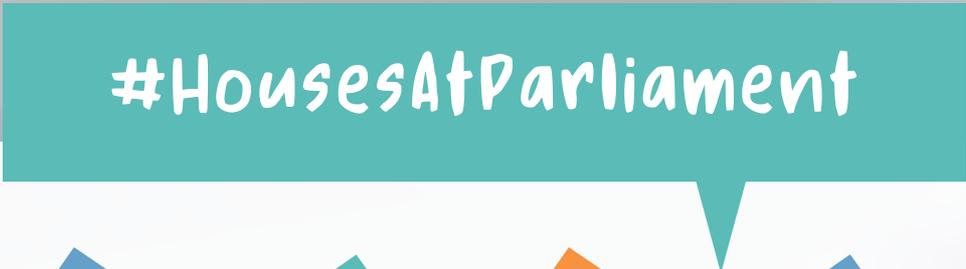


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