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SCIPS General Meeting



SCIPS would like to thank all of you who were able to attend our first general meeting since February 2020. We were fortunate to have a lively, enthusiastic and engaged audience attend, with a progress update regarding the reporting of online repairs, from Sandwell MBC officers.

Our next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 24th May, 10:30am -

12:30pm, at our head office, The National Metalforming Centre, 37 - 47 Birmingham Road, West Bromwich, West Midlands, B70 6PY.

To celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee, there will be Union jack flags, bunting and cupcakes for everyone to enjoy.

Jayne Salter-Scott, Head of Public and Community Engagement for the Midland Metropolitan University Hospital, is our guest speaker.

Jayne will be talking about the forth coming hospital, progress to date, and some of the

Image of Midland Metropolitan University Hospital



changes that will happen to Sandwell Hospital services.

Jayne is keen to hear resident voices, and hopes as many of you as possible can attend.

To confirm attendance please email enquiries@scips.org.uk or call 0121 544 1230



Setting up a Tenants and Residents Association

Have you ever wondered about what is involved in creating a Tenants and Residents Association (TRA)? How to get started? How much commitment is needed? What size of geographical area is covered? Well SCIPS have the answers!

As a member of SCIPS you will already know that we support TRA's across the Sandwell borough, and support groups of individuals to form TRA's that can become formerly recognised by Sandwell MBC. For formal recognition by Sandwell MBC, a TRA must have a committee with three appointed core officers consisting of a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. A minimum of four general meetings per year including an annual general meeting, and cover a specific geographical area with a membership representation of a minimum 51% of council tenants.

The activities of your TRA will broadly dictate how much time commitment is required. It is not unreasonable for committee members to each dedicated 2-4hrs a month supporting a TRA. This commitment can increase or decrease depending on the frequency of meetings and the activities a TRA would like to initiate or support.

TRA's and anyone wanting to form a TRA are able to access free specialist support from SCIPS. SCIPS are able to offer end to end support, with writing a constitution, committee training, core officer training, access to grants that support the running of a TRA and more.

To find out further information about forming a TRA or to find out if a TRA already operates within your area please contact SCIPS on 0121 544 1230 or email enquiries@scips.or.uk.

Annual General Meeting

We are excited to announce the date, venue and time of our next **Annual General**Meeting.

Save the Date!

Saturday 17th September 10 am - 3pm National Metal Forming Centre, 37 - 47 Birmingham Road, West Bromwich, B70 6PY

Lunch will be provided

Confirmation of guest speakers will be announced closer to the date.

AGM mailing will be sent the 1st week of August, containing information of how to book your place.

SCIPS will be holding its next one off training session on how to download and use the NHS App.

The NHS App can be used to book and view your appointments, order repeat prescriptions, find out advice and information on conditions, and much more.

Participants will need their own smartphone or Tablet device, Photo ID (to complete the account signup process), an email address and have a mobile phone number, to take part in the training.

To book your place, contact the office on, 0121 544 1230.



NHS App training session.

Thursday 26th May 2022, 1pm till 3pm at the Millennium Centre, Friar Park Rd, Wednesbury WS10 0JS





'A time to say thanks'

Volunteers week is a national event held from the 1st to the 7th June, supported by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations. As a charitable organisation ourselves who are supported by volunteers and who support other voluntary organisations across the borough, we are aware of the amazing contribution volunteers make.

SCIPS want to know how you are saying thanks to your volunteers, trustees and all round legends, that make your TRA or community group amazing. Get in touch so we can share your story via enquiries@scips.org.uk or call our office on 0121 544 1230.

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