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Sandwell Council Tenant Conference

Saturday 13th July 2024, 10am - 3pm,

West Bromwich Albion FC

Sandwell Council is now taking bookings for its annual conference for tenants. Open to Sandwell tenants, leaseholders and Tenants & Residents Associations (TRAs) recognised by SMBC, this is an opportunity to provide your views on services you recieve and hear more about the Council's Housing Service.

Places are limited so booking is essential. Please use the QR code below or visit www.sandwell.gov.uk/tenant-conference

For more information email tenant_conference@sandwell.gov.uk or call 0121 569 2537.

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TRA Networking Session

Following the success of the first session in February, SCIPS and SMBC will be co-hosting a second Tenants & Residents Association (TRA) Networking Session with our registered groups in June 2024. These sessions provide an opportunity for TRAs to come together and discuss shared priorities, to network and address issues collectively.

We are hopeful that we will have attendance from all of our registered TRAs and that as many people as possible will get the benefit from the day. If you would like to know more please call Dean or Sarah on 0121 544 1230. We look forward to seeing you there!





Digi-Comm at Charlemont Farm

We are soon due to start delivery of our digital for beginners training at Charlemont Community and Youth Centre. Digi-Comm will commence with a session for volunteer Digital Champions on Friday 14th June, and training for participants will commence Friday 21st June for 9 weeks.

Places are limited and available on a first-come first-served basis, so if you are interested in the training, or in supporting the programme as a volunteer, please call Dean on 0121 544 1230.



'Bring a Tin' in support of the Big Help Out and Volunt<u>eers' Week</u>

Kim Fuller (SCVO) promoted the "Bring a Tin" initiative at our General meeting in May. "Bring a Tin" will support local food banks, which are currently experiencing high demand for their services.

Donations can be dropped off as follows;

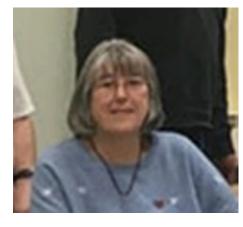
- Monday 3rd June Friday 7th June
 2024 All Sandwell Libraries
- Saturday 8th June, 10am 12pm @ Haden Hill House
- Sunday 9th June, 10am 12pm @
 West Smethwick Park (at the pavilion)



Housing Hero Awards 2024

We would like to take the time to mention that Sue Smith of Hamstead Village TRA has been shortlisted for this year's Housing Hero Awards which will take place on the 24th June in Manchester Central Convention Complex.

We would also like to point out in light of her work with the local TRA which is supported by SCIPS and her commitment to the Tenants and Leaseholders Scrutiny Group as well as her contributions to the legacy portion of the Digi-Comm project in Hamstead Village, that Sue is most deserving of this nomination and we wish her all the luck at the forthcoming ceremony



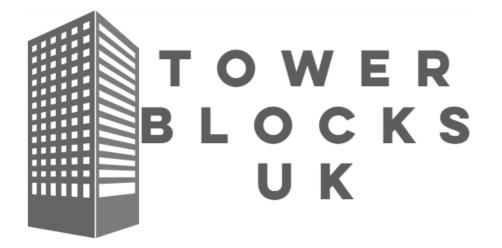


Tower Blocks UK

Do you live in a high rise block? Are you interested in learning more about tower block housing safety? Tower Blocks UK is a hub for sharing information and resources with groups and individuals, with their aims including;

- Support tenants and residents to be heard by providing more opportunities to exert pressure on decision-makers to prevent inadequate action and ongoing risk.
- Extend the services that they provide to include online information resources, pro-forma systems for implementing housing rights and open fire safety and structural data.
- Share examples of good practice in tackling tower block safety problems, from tenants and residents and landlords.

If you would like to learn more, please visit www.towerblocksuk.com



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