

Sandwell Community Information & Participation Service

** AGM 4th October 2025 **



We are excited to welcome everyone to our AGM on Saturday 4th October 2025.

** There is still time to book your place **

- Come and find out what SCIPS have been doing over the last 12 months.
- Listen to our guest speakers.
- · Have the chance to meet and network with other members.
- · Free entry into our cash prize draw.

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If you are unable to attend the AGM to cast your vote on the day please return your proxy form by Thursday 2nd October 2025.

Digi Comm @ St Mary Magdalene

Sarah is commencing delivery of a new Digi-Comm (digital for beginners) course at :

St Mary Magdalene Church, Beaconview Road, West Bromwich



Whilst the 9 week course will have already started by the time you are reading this (there could still potentially be one or two spaces for anyone with a real interest in attending – please contact us urgently if so), Sarah will also be delivering an additional three sessions at the end of the standard course, that are available for anyone who wants to attend;

- Friday 21st November & Friday 28th November Setting up and using the NHS App.
- Friday 5th December Online Shopping.

**If you are interested in learning more about and using the NHS App, or Online Shopping, please register your place by contacting us on 0121 544 1230 or via enquiries@scips.org.uk **











TRA Networking Session

In October we will be holding our next TRA Networking Event

These are going from strength to strength, and following some really valuable feedback from groups at the last session, we are making a number of changes and putting in place improvements that will deliver even better outcomes for our TRAs;



1.We now have planning meetings with TRA representatives to codesign the format and agenda of these sessions, so that events really are 'for TRAs by TRAs'.



- 2. TRAs have suggested and are piloting hosting events in their local areas on a rotational basis across sandwell. Essex Avenue Community TRA have kindly volunteered to be the first to host the next event.
- 3. We have committed to having a standing item at each Networking session for all TRAs to update one another on the great work that they are doing as well as seeking feedback and suggestions from their peers.



We are hopeful that these changes, on top of the support and partnerships that have already been built through this forum, will ensure events remain relevant, enjoyable and beneficial to all of our TRAs across the borough.

SCIPS would like to say a huge thank you to everyone contributing to the Networking sessions for your continued support. It's a really exciting time to be working with you right now.

Tenant Engagement Strategy Task and Finish Group Update

To date the Task and Finish Group has met on 6 occasions.

They have been working hard to develop the final draft of the Tenant Engagement Strategy which will be completed in early October.

The document will then be available on the SMBC consultation hub for a six-week period. This gives the opportunity for anyone in Sandwell to make comments or suggestions. SCIPS are planning to use our General meeting in November to provide an opportunity for our members to submit feedback. In addition, we will be consulting all our tenant groups and forums along with SMBC's Senior Management Team.

We are keen to hear from as many people as possible, so when the consultation goes live, please take time to give us your feedback.



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