

What is the Federation?



North Lanarkshire Federation of Tenants' and Residents' Associations (NLF) was established in September 2006. We represent tenants' & residents' organisations throughout North Lanarkshire on key issues effecting them. We work in partnership with North Lanarkshire Council and Registered Social Landlords to develop tenant participation. The key belief in tenant participation is that the ideas, actions and beliefs of local communities are vital to decision making processes and should be central to assist developing housing & related services. NLF is the umbrella organisation that aims to strengthen and unify the voice of local resident groups.



What are the aims of the NLF?

The Federation has seven key aims:

1. To have more tenants and residents organisations in North Lanarkshire with the support and resources that they require to operate effectively.
2. To assist tenant and resident associations work together and help each other
3. To make sure that every resident in North Lanarkshire receives excellent housing & related services through working in partnership and upholding the rights of people.
4. To develop tenant participation as a representative social movement of all people
5. To make sure the opinions of local communities are an integral part of decision making processes, particularly within regeneration, housing and environmental matters.
6. To ensure residents receive the information they need
7. To secure a meaningful tenant participation budget



How does the Federation operate?

NLF is managed by an Executive Committee (EC). There are 12 people on the EC who are democratically elected once a year by member organisations operating throughout North Lanarkshire. The committee is made up of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant or minute Secretary, Treasurer and 7 general committee members. The EC hold regular meetings to take forward the workload.

In addition to EC meetings, the Federation is entirely dedicated to listening to key issues and comments of its members. Every year the Federation will hold at least 3 General Meetings and an Annual General Meeting. These meetings are open to any member and are vital to decide future workloads, and guide and support the EC.

The Federation may also seek the opinions of its members outwith general meetings. It will do this as and when required by the EC and can be done through a range of ways that might include structured consultation, public events, attending member group meetings, networking with members, or a different method decided to be the more effective.

Becoming involved

The Federation wants you to become involved. If you get involved, you are bringing a range of ideas, beliefs and knowledge about your community. This is vital to improving our communities and homes. It is people like you, with an interest in getting better services and not letting our neighbourhoods become run down that make up the Federation. It is people like you that we need.

If you do not have a resident organisation in your area then you can join NLF as an individual. We can also assist you to set up a local resident organisation in your area and this gives you a chance to improve your neighbourhood. Do not just throw this leaflet away but call 01236 435 844 for an informal chat and a membership pack.

Membership is available to any resident organisation in North Lanarkshire. All membership is free so what can you lose by contacting us?

Contact Us:

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Benefits of being involved

As an Individual member you will get the following benefits:

- ✓ Invitations to come to at least four General Meetings a year,
- ✓ Be included on any relevant correspondence
- ✓ Be included on any consultation that we conduct
- ✓ Assistance to set up and develop a resident organisation in your neighbourhood if you want
- ✓ Opportunities may also arise to become involved in NLF working groups or to become an NLF delegate (as and when authorised by the EC).

As a Tenants' and Residents' Association, becoming a member with NLF will get your organisation the following benefits:

- ✓ All of the above plus....
- ✓ Voting rights at General and Annual General Meetings
- ✓ Rights to nominate and stand for election onto the NLF Executive Committee
- ✓ Support, Advice and guidance for your residents' group
- ✓ Opportunities to meet and network with other resident organisations.



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