

Tenants' and residents' association

News

January 2017

Good governance - what TRAs need to be doing

This is always the worst time of year to be organising meetings and other activities but it's a good time to start the planning!



We suggest TRAs use the following checklist to ensure they'll be in top shape for 2017.

1. Date for Annual General Meeting agreed?
2. Adopted the Model Constitution?
3. Produce financial accounts for the AGM?
4. Are the financial accounts independently checked?
5. Holding regular committee meetings?
6. Agreed a plan for regular activities?

Do you need help? We can support you and can arrange independent financial checks for you. Contact your Resident Participation Officer or contact the Getting Involved team at gettinginvolved@lambeth.gov.uk or ring 0207 926 3401.

TRA of the month

One of our recently re-launched TRAs is Windmill View on Lyham Road, Brixton.



They've been meeting in the local youth club to get themselves re-registered and constituted.

The following was taken from the chair of the TRA, Sonia Bailey, report to the AGM which we think encapsulates why TRAs remain fundamental to our engagement.

"We want to take the TRA forward fully membered and hope to attract persons who share our vision we have to ensure we maintain a community and environment where residents can live a clean, fear-free and safe life with respect for each other."

The TRA have had their work cut out with major works and anti social behaviour issues which have been successfully resolved working with the Housing office and Police. The TRA are now looking to brighten up some of the play areas on the edge of the estate with a project involving the estate children.

Welcome back Windmill View!!



New free accredited training courses for residents

We have been discussing with Southwark Council Housing training department the possibility of their residents being sponsored to do the CIH and Education & Training courses we commission at High Trees and our residents doing their accredited Environmental Health courses.

We are pleased to report we have received agreement on this and attach a list of courses Southwark regularly run. We are particularly interested in the health and safety, fire awareness, first aid and food safety courses Southwark run (see attached flyer).

Any TRA that runs a community hub should undertake these courses. The fees will be paid for by us. If you are interested in attending a course please contact your RPO or the Getting involved team at gettinginvolved@lambeth.gov.uk.

And on **Hainthorpe Estate**, Norma Clarke was very pleased to win **Keepmoat's** Christmas hamper draw (pictured with RLO Joell Reid).



TRA network launch membership scheme

The Lambeth TRA Network has recently launched a membership scheme with a view to ultimately constituting itself as a representative community organisation.

We would encourage all TRAs to join this independent body and membership can be applied for here [MEMBERSHIP](#). It is free and an excellent way for TRAs to network about good practice and support.

The next networking event is **6 March** when guest speakers from various training organisations such as High Trees will be there to explain how they can help.



Contractors deliver Xmas cheer

Lynn Lazenby from **Poynders TRA** was very pleased with the efforts of **Mears** at Christmas where they handed out Christmas hampers to the elderly and vulnerable across the estate.

"This was a really nice gesture from Mears to do this for the community and the residents were very grateful."

