

# Have you thought about becoming a housing association committee\* member?

It's a great way to volunteer in your community and help change it for the better.

Local housing associations provide affordable rented housing for a wide range of people who need it. They provide quick, efficient repairs and other services, and some are also involved in building new homes.

Community based housing associations often provide all kinds of other services to support local people – such as benefits and fuel advice, help with getting into employment, and places for people to hold meetings and community activities.

Housing association staff members are paid professionals, but associations are run by voluntary committee members, and usually the majority live in the local area.



See over for the benefits of becoming a member...

\*Some housing associations call them boards rather than committees.

# Here are some of the benefits of serving on the committee...

| Benefits for you   | Benefits for the association and the wider community  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gain confidence, build a sense of achievement, improve your self-esteem and have a new sense of purpose.</li><li>• Develop your understanding, skills and knowledge, add to your CV, and potentially open new career paths.</li><li>• Be involved in a stimulating and mutually supportive environment where your views are heard.</li><li>• Meet new people, develop friendships, and socialise with others with a shared commitment.</li><li>• Attend social &amp; networking events, as well as training courses, to build up your skills.</li><li>• Open up opportunities to apply to serve on important national/regional bodies in the housing sector.</li><li>• Become a part of one of the most important and effective movements for physical and social improvement that has happened in Scotland over the last 40 years.</li><li>• Get personal satisfaction from giving something back to the local community whilst making a real difference.</li><li>• Broaden your horizons and have fun along the way!</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• You'll help to raise awareness of the Association's work both within the local community and beyond.</li><li>• The time and energy you commit to the Association will directly contribute to its work in improving the quality of life for tenants and the wider community.</li><li>• You can help to ensure good quality housing and services.</li><li>• As a voluntary committee member you'll join hundreds of local people and other volunteers who play such a crucial role in taking forward the work of community controlled housing associations in Scotland.</li></ul> |



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