

GUESSES WHAT?

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Note from the Editor

How are we all?

I am sure you will have noticed that over the past month the Resident Rep Team have been running consultation sessions in Wirral, Sefton and Ellesmere Port. Three policies are going through the process of being updated:-

Complaints
Health and Safety
Safeguarding

Health and Safety affects all of us on a daily basis. There were five main areas of the policy that we looked at in focus groups and questionnaires – communal area inspections, flat checks, evacuation and emergency procedures, how we get information to you and first aid courses. The team spoke to 55 young people which is equivalent to 18% of the whole Association. 53% of you said that you wanted to be involved in checking the communal areas with staff.

60% of you said that you would like feedback verbally from your flat check. First Aid courses have been held in the past, the Team asked if you would like these to start again and 60% of you would like to see this happen.

Those who took part were very interested in the Complaints Policy review. The Team ran focus groups in all three boroughs, however not many people responded, so we came around with questionnaires. The questionnaires got a much better response. The results of the consultation will be published in the next newsletter, keep your eyes peeled.

Safeguarding is a massively important policy. It helps staff members and young people protect those who are at risk. All residents who got involved gave excellent feedback and suggestions. Again the results of this will be in the next newsletter, check it out

Amy Butterworth

Welcome to the team

Well Done to all of those people who were voted in as Project Representatives!

As your new Resident Rep, I have been working with you on the Project Elections, these have been successful and by now you should have been informed who has been elected at your Project.

For those who have been elected as Project Reps, you should be aware we will be holding 'Project Panel meetings' and these will commence on →

Monday 9th March
At Barnstondale Trip

Thursday 26th March
@ Ellesmere Port Speak Ezy. 6pm

Thursday 30th April
@ Wirral Speak Ezy. 6pm

Thursday 28th May
@ Sefton Speak Ezy. 6pm

Thursday 18th June @ Ellesmere Port Speak Ezy. 6pm

Friday 31st July @ Wirral Speak Ezy. 6pm



FORUM HOUSING
It's all about you

Check out the Association's new website with a dedicated area for young people

www.forumhousing.co.uk

Interactive Disability Awareness Day

Monday 16th March 10-4pm at the Wirral Speak Ezy

Come and find out more information on disabilities and see if you can take up the challenge of this interactive session. This session promises to give people a real insight to the challenges to those who are disabled by society.

Project Representative Panel

The up and coming

Project Reps will also be able to get involved in the following

0 Safeguarding Training

Project Reps will need to undertake this before going on the overnighter

0 Barnstondale Overnighter

9th and 10th March

0 National Youth Reference Group

This is a group of young people across the UK who inform Local Authorities about how a standard in service should be set and stood by for young people who find themselves homeless or potentially homeless.

0 Network visits

Visiting other parts of the country, being involved in Youth Engagement Events, helping us to make improvements to our service delivery.

0 Consultation events

Helping to get more and more young people to engage in consultation opportunities within Forum.

0 Looking at the future

Pick up on issues in the Projects and work to make them better!!

Anthony Fitzgerald



Meet The Resident REP TEAM



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