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## FORUM SECURES PLACE ON THE SUNDAY TIMES BEST 100 COMPANIES TO WORK FOR LIST

Wirral based Forum Housing Association, a provider of housing and support for homeless young people aged 16 – 25, scooped the prestigious Sunday Times award by achieving 21<sup>st</sup> place, nationally, in the 'Top 100 Not for Profit Companies' category.

Employees surveyed said that Forum was a great company to work for and the results overall revealed a very happy and motivated workforce.

Employees, half of whom have been on the payroll for at least a decade, always go the extra mile for their young residents and fellow team members. Staff are rewarded for their length of service and hard work through extra holidays and an annual awards dinner at which staff receive awards for their hard work and dedication.

Director of Human Resources and Corporate Services Debbie Thompson commented:

**"At Forum Housing we are delighted to win this award, we feel that it is a wonderful achievement and reflects the dedication of our staff and volunteers, who work in a really challenging environment, supporting homeless young people. It reflects our ambition to make Forum a great place to work and rewards the hard work we have put into developing our staff which we believe is our greatest asset. Congratulations to all Organisations on this year's list too, you have set a benchmark of which we are proud of"**



Patron: Right Reverend Keith Sinclair, Bishop of Birkenhead

Chair: Mrs. S. Elliott

Chief Executive: Mrs. C.A. Allen BEM

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*Members of: Housing Ombudsman Service Social Housing Pension Scheme*

One delighted Forum employee, 20 year old Mike Hardman, also commented...

**“Forum Housing is a truly amazing company to work for and I am so proud we have won this award. I came to Forum two years ago as part of a youth contract, which led onto an apprenticeship.**

**The opportunities, experience and training I have gained has been invaluable and I can’t thank Forum enough as they really have supported me in developing my career. My Manager’s door is always open and all the staff at Forum feel respected and valued. I feel proud to work for a company that not only cares about its customers but its people too.”**

### **Note to Editors:**

The full list will be printed in The Sunday Times on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

In order to be recognised in the ‘*100 Best Not-for-Profit Organisations to Work for*’, staff in Public-sector bodies, charities and housing associations were surveyed. They answered questions in the following categories:

- **Leadership:** How employees feel about the head of the company and its senior managers
- **Wellbeing:** How staff feel about the stress, pressure and the balance between their work and home duties
- **Giving something back:** How much companies are thought by their staff to put back into society generally and the local community
- **Personal growth:** To what extent staff feel they are stretched and challenged by their job
- **My manager:** How staffs feel towards their immediate boss and day-to-day managers
- **My company:** Feelings about the company people work for as opposed to the people they work with
- **My team:** How staff feel about their immediate colleagues
- **Fair deal:** How happy the workforce is with their pay and benefits.

Additional quote, if required, from Ian Cardwell, Chief Executive (Designate)

“Here at Forum Housing Association, we believe it is important to keep our community informed about our work to improve the lives of homeless young people in our area and our commitment to our ambition to be the best provider of supported accommodation for young people in the region”

Please feel free to contact us if you require any further details about our company, what we do or our prestigious award.

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