



## WELCOME

Welcome to the latest TP update. Its purpose is to keep our Tenant & Resident Associations (TRAs), interested tenants, Scrutiny Panel members, Sheltered Forum members, Council staff and Elected Members up-to-date with TP events and developments.

Whats new in  
tenant  
participation?

## TRA UPDATE

The TRAs are dedicated to improving their local communities and increasing membership. A common challenge they encounter is recruiting and retaining new members. If you know of anyone **interested in joining a TRA**, invite them along to a meeting or **contact Ana** for more details.

The past few weeks have been a busy period, especially before the TRAs break for Christmas. A lot of the TRAs organised walkabouts which had a great turnout.

Some of the TRAs are getting into the festive spirit and organising donations for those in their local community. **North and South Drumry TRA** are donating small gifts to Ramillies Court and Melfort Avenue Sheltered Housing. They will also be donating to a **local food bank** in Clydebank. **Tullichewan TRA** are hosting a small Christmas event in the community flat on the 9th of December. They have also organised an anonymous Christmas gifting for those in the community.

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## Christmas Events in West Dunbartonshire

- ♦ **December 9th - Tullichewan TRA Coffee Morning at 2/1 McGregor Walk (Community Flat)**
- ♦ **December 2nd, 3rd, 9th, 10th and 16th, 12-4pm Levensgrove Park - Santa at the Pavilion**
- ♦ **December 15th - YSORTIT Christmas Party at The Hub Community Centre, Clydebank**

## WALKABOUTS

More community walks are being organized where groups of tenants and individual tenants can walk alongside housing staff and other teams to **identify areas for improvement** in their neighborhood.

We have had several walkabouts recently. These included TRA members, WDC officers, representatives from Greenspace and local councilors.

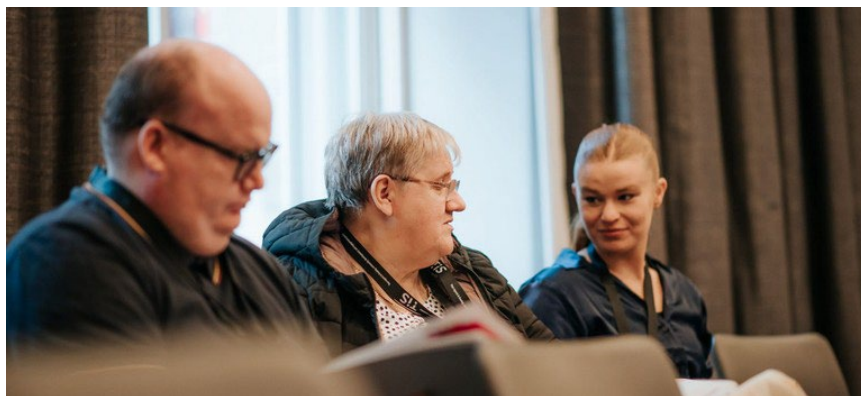
We have recently taken on board some of the tenants concerns about the efficiency of walkabouts. Housing staff WDC will now be carrying out post-walkabout evaluation to ensure all reported issues are being addressed.



## TIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Two of WDTR0 members Frances McGonagle and Harry McCormack attended the **TIS annual conference** at the Grand Central Hotel in Glasgow city centre. The two day conference looked into all aspects of housing and tenant involvement. The event explored creative workshops to ensure we build a housing system that is strong enough to respond to current and future changes.

It looked at **Cost-of-living and affordability, Net Zero ambitions, Housing to 2040 and a New Deal for Tenants, Vibrant communities and Housing as a human right.**



## TENANT PRIORITY BUDGET

The Tenant Priority Budget is **still open for proposals** from any tenant or tenant group. If you have an idea to improve your area and benefit members of the community, **the tenant priority budget is there to help bring these ideas to life.**

Officers are working to move forward with current proposals. Our most recent idea came from our Sheltered Housing Forum who put through an idea to get a **Christmas tree for the community garden.** The tree will be potted and be able to grow from the community garden.

If you have any ideas that you would like to put forward, **please contact Ana.** We are trying very hard to make them happen as quickly as possible.

# The 2024/25 Rent Increase

**Consultation on rent  
setting options for  
2024/25 has begun**

**We have two options**  
**6.7% Increase**  
**or**  
**7.2% Increase**

**Your Rent  
Your Say**

# Dates for your diary

**8 Dec 2023**

- Winter Housing News delivered to all tenants with consultation information and voting card

**15 Nov 2023 to 10 Jan 2023**

- Consultation promoted via website, social media, text and email prompts

**10 Jan 2024**

- Consultation closes

**6 Mar 2024**

- Council meeting to agree 2024/25 rent setting