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# HFTRA Hounslow Federation of Tenants' and Residents' Associations



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#### Arabic

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#### Somali

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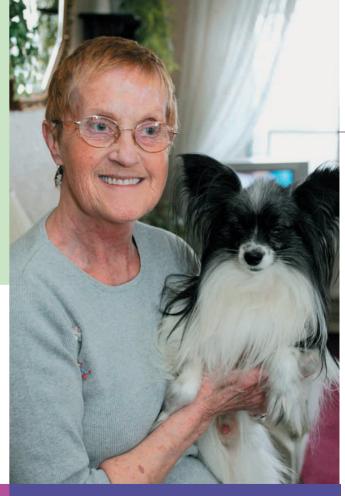
#### Urdu

اگرآپ کوال دستاه پر کی کالی اردوزبان درکارے جوآپ کویی نتا تا ہے کہآپ کیے اُن معاملات میں الوث ہو کتے جاری دراول کر الطبکریں

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### Involvement

Tenants' and Residents' Associations (TRAs)







### Tenants' and Residents' Associations (TRAs)

#### What is a Tenants' and Residents' Association?

Tenants' and residents' associations are made up of local groups of residents who live on an estate or within a certain area. They are residents who want to get together to discuss common interests and concerns. There is a lot of help and support available as well. Your tenant participation officer (TPO) is there to work closely with you in the beginning, to help give ideas, provide advice, and generally help you on your way. Groups can also apply for grants to kick start activities.

#### What sort of things would I be involved in?

Tenants' and residents' associations can be very different from each other; some groups focus on housing and environmental issues, others on purely social activities for the community, and some like to do both. The thing to remember is that there are no set rules on what an association can aim to achieve, it is up to the residents.

#### If I were involved, what would I do?

Groups hold a number of meetings a year, usually one every two months. They discuss issues and put forward ideas; sometimes this work is done by a small group of people called a committee. These are just some aspects of being involved with a tenants' and residents' association and there's a whole range of other things you may like to do.

#### How much of my time would it take?

Many association members are just happy to come along to meetings, this could mean setting aside one or two hours a month. If you would like to get involved in arranging activities this may take a little more time. Groups are usually very grateful for any time you can give no matter how little.

Tenants' and residents' associations currently active across the borough are listed in the Hounslow Homes publication entitled Residents' Groups.

If you would like to join a tenants' and residents' association, or take part in any other way any please contact the tenant participation officer (TPO) for your area:

Telephone: East Area 020 8583 4380

West Area 020 8583 4035 Central Area 020 8583 6737

#### Rene Wootten

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Member of Tenants' and Residents' Association (TRA)



We had to work quite hard in the beginning to get more residents to join our tenants' and residents' association (TRA), but when things started to change for the better on the estate other residents became interested. Now were are a strong group and we work really well together.

In the beginning I wasn't sure what difference a TRA would make. Now I'm pleased that something I was involved in from the start has contributed to improvements on my estate. We hold meetings once a month on a day that suits everyone and each person gets a chance to say what should be discussed. Service managers are often invited to answer our questions. Being involved has really made a difference, I feel much happier and feel really safe on my estate, I now know my neighbours and know what's going on behind the scenes to help and support us. It just seems a happier place to live and it's nice to know you're a part of that.

I feel really in touch with my estate now. Having a TRA has really made a difference to our estate. It has brought people together and it's a great way to make new friends and get things done.