

GET INVOLVED

Getting Started

Tenants and Residents Associations: The Basics

This section explains the purpose of tenants and residents TRAs and the functions they can perform.

What is a Tenants & Residents Association (TRA)?

A TRA is made up of residents living on an estate, block or street(s) who have formed an TRA to improve the area in which they live.

TRAs give residents a voice in how their area is managed by working with LBHF housing services. They find solutions to local problems and local service delivery.

What are the Benefits of Establishing a TRA in Your Area?

Forming a TRA can bring many benefits to your local community.

TRAs:

- Enable residents to make their views known to the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham (LBHF) housing services and other service providers, giving you a say in how your neighbourhood is managed
- Work with housing services to find solutions to issues affecting your quality of life
- Provide information to your neighbourhood about local issues and concerns
- Make recommendations on how the Council spends its money in your community TRA

- Develop a good community spirit, helping residents to get to know each other better; gaining trust and working together to find solutions
- Provide residents with an opportunity to engage with service providers of community activities and support services
- Give residents an opportunity to meet new people, gain new skills and attend training sessions
- Work with other groups to start up and run social projects
- Provide residents with opportunities to apply for funding to improve their neighbourhood outside of normal planned works

Examples of TRA Achievements

Arthur Henderson and William Banfield

TRA – They have raised almost £500K over 5 years through applying for council and external funding. They have a community garden and are awaiting the completion of a new TRA hall.

Philpot Square Residents TRA- They held two very successful events in 2015 for the Summer Fun Day and Santa and Snow events which were visited by over 150 residents from the Fulham area.

Lancaster Court Residents TRA – They provided a very large Christmas event called Winter Wonderland with reindeer and fairground as part of their event, all funded by the TRA.

