



# Dudley Federation



## of Tenants and Residents Associations

### What is a TRA?

- ① TRA stands for **Tenants and Residents Association**.
- ① It is a community group made up of local people acting in a voluntary capacity to promote and defend the interests of tenants and residents in their area.
- ① Being part of a TRA group enables areas to have a **representative voice** and increase the **sense of belonging** to a **community**.
- ① It is also something that provides a **collective voice** for tenants and residents in an area, and acts as a **focus for consultation** and an organisation to **lobby for changes**. It can be a place to campaign on certain issues e.g. better **play facilities** and **improvements** to the area.
- ① A group can also be a base to develop extra services through self help schemes e.g. coffee mornings, lunch clubs and warm hubs.

### How do I know if there is a TRA active in my area?

- 💻 If you're not sure if there's a Tenants and Residents Association in your area you can find out at [www.dudley.gov.uk](http://www.dudley.gov.uk) - just type 'In My Area' in the search box, enter your postcode and select your address!
- ☎ Call or email **DFTRA on 01384 868010 / [info@dftra.org.uk](mailto:info@dftra.org.uk)** or **Dudley Council's Participation Team on 01384 815168 / [participation@dudley.gov.uk](mailto:participation@dudley.gov.uk)** who will be able to let you know if there is a TRA currently active in your area.

### Then what?

- 🗣 If there is an active TRA in your area, you can find your group's general meeting dates for you to go along to and meet the committee and tenants from the local area.
- 🌐 See if your TRA is on Facebook at <http://goo.gl/Y9luep>

### No TRA?

If you think your area could benefit from a TRA, contact us to see how you can start one!