



Dudley Federation general meeting summary – Tuesday 30th April 2024

There were 11 TRAs represented at this meeting at Brierley Hill Neighbourhood Learning Centre / on Microsoft Teams.

Dudley Federation: We are expecting our funding from Dudley MBC, however as this has not been increased, we can no longer afford our office. We will have left the premises by 1st July and will travel around the borough to meet with anyone who wishes to see us, and we can be contacted as normal.

As well as the above change, our Office Manager Caroline will be on maternity leave from July and will return in December. Please allow extra time for calls and queries to be answered while she is off and ensure that emails are directed to info@dftra.org.uk.

Housing Hubs: The latest [information on Housing Hubs around the Borough can be found here](#).

New involvement Strategy/Structure: A Housing Scrutiny Panel is being set up as part of this structure, if you are interested in being on the panel please contact Dudley Federation on info@dftra.org.uk / 01384 868010 or the Participation Development Team on participation@dudley.gov.uk / 01384 815168.

Quality checks on gas and electrical inspections: Tenants were urged to allow inspectors access so that they can check on recent works completed by contractors. If there are any concerns about the legitimacy of contact you receive, you can view the [Council's e-bulletin here](#), it has all the contact details for Morgan Lambert. If you are contacted by a different number claiming to be Morgan Lambert, please contact Dudley Council Plus to report this.

Green waste: Following a discussion around green bins, we can clarify that the Household Waste Recycling Centre (aka 'the tip') at Stourbridge and the pop up sites at Lister Road, Dudley and Northway, Sedgley do accept garden waste. Of course, please remember to [book your appointment via the Dudley Council website](#), where you will also find a full list of accepted and prohibited waste as well as all other relevant information.

Too Good To Throw Away! Community reuse and recycling events: These are great events to stop items going straight to landfill, [information on what is accepted can be seen here](#), to be informed of the next one, keep an eye on this page or [sign up to our mailing list](#) and we will send the details of future events.

Your Borough Your Forum: If you are unable to attend meetings, you can catch up on what has happened at each of the forums via the [reports online here](#).

Four million homes: Four million homes is a program that was set up to empower social housing tenants, it educates social housing tenants about their rights and how to hold their landlords accountable. It also offers free webinars, training and resources which you will find [on the Four Million Homes website](#).

One particular course that our members (or prospective members) may be interested in is their upcoming online training session 'How to run an effective residents' association' which will take place on 16th July from 6.30-8.30pm. You can [view and RSVP to this and their other courses here](#). There is also a [recorded webinar on Running an effective Residents' association here](#).

Dudley Federation's next general meeting will be on Tuesday 30th July 2024.