

Press Release



Give it a go and Get Involved!

Nottingham City Homes (NCH) is set to launch its first ever *Get Involved* week.

The Getting Involved week aims to encourage our tenants and leaseholders to have their say and help shape our services. It will take place from Monday 22 September to Saturday 27 September. There will be a number of activities taking place throughout the week in the city centre, as well as in local housing offices across the city.

During the week employees and tenants who are already involved with NCH will be on hand to advise people how they can take part and what the range of opportunities are available to them. There will also be a number of prize draws and activities such as a 7-a-side football tournament at Southglade Sports Hall, a FREE car wash at Bestwood Housing Office, Open Day at Bullace Court in St Anns and Nintendo Wii and fun events at Nottingham's Old Market Square (See Notes to Editors for dates and times).

It is important that tenants and leaseholders are at the heart of decision making and have an opportunity to influence the way we shape our services.

From filling in a questionnaire at home and being part of a forum or panel, to walking the streets as a Tenant Inspector, there are so many ways for tenants and leaseholders to Get Involved.

For more information on Getting Involved contact the team on:

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Notes to editors:

The events taking place throughout *Getting Involved* week are detailed below. Photographers are welcome to attend any one of these events. Please call:

Monday 22 September

- **Bestwood Housing Office** is holding a range of involvement activities throughout the day. A quiz will take place with a prize for the winner
- **Garfield Court, Radford** is hosting an open day with bingo and a buffet from 10am to 2pm
- The **Info Bus** will be visiting **Radford Flats**

Tuesday 23 September

- **Kersall Court, Kersall Drive, Bulwell**, is hosting a Games Day starting at 11am

- **St Anns Housing Office** is holding a stall to encourage residents to get involved
- **Bestwood Housing Office** is hosting a Surgery Day with Housing Patch Managers, the Police, Repairs officers and Anti-Social Behaviour officers
- **Stepney Court Sheltered Housing Scheme** is hosting a tea party from 10am to 12noon, promoting the Area Panel and the Sheltered Forum – both opportunities to Get Involved. They will have speakers from each of these groups as well as members of the Secure Warm Modern team who will be on hand to advise about window replacements
- **Your Choice, Your Voice event**, taking place at the **Auditorium, Aspley Community and Training Centre, Minver Crescent**, from 6.30pm to 9pm

Wednesday 24 September

- There will be a Getting Involved stall at **Hyson Green Market**
- **Fenton Court** will be hosting a 'Beach Party', starting at 12noon
- There will be a Community Café - at **Queens Walk Community Centre in The Meadows**, from 10am to 2pm – there will be a **Free** raffle on entry
- **Bullace Court in St Anns** will be hosting an event along with Highwood House- from 11am to 3pm. Activities taking place include a Tombola, 40's memorabilia display, face painting, decorate your own cake, stalls, refreshments, smoothie making, jewellery stall, Adaptations team (PAD)
- A sheltered schemes Bowls tournament will be taking place at **Stockhill Bowls Pavillion** from 12noon to 3pm
- **Simone Gardens - Clifton** will be hosting their version of the X Factor from 11am to 3pm. There will also be a buffet and raffle
- **Your Choice, Your Voice Event - Keys to Success** will take place on Birchover Road, Bilborough from 6.30 pm to 9pm

Thursday 25 September

- **Market Square event** – this will be an all day event in the city centre that will feature:
 - The Nottingham City Council information bus
 - Pre-tenancy consultation for the under 25's using the Nintendo Wii
 - Homelink advisors will be on hand to talk about allocations
 - Information and advice on opportunities to work for Nottingham City Homes

- Members of the Tenant Service Inspection Team will be on hand to explain how they got involved and what difference it makes to them
 - Our Financial Inclusion officer will be on hand to offer advice and guidance on paying your rent and how to manage your money
 - The Art Competition that has taken place with local schools will be judged
 - There will be information available on how to make a comment, compliment or complaint to NCH
 - There will also be a Repairs officer on hand to discuss the work we do in the repairs and maintenance department.
- There will also be a FREE car wash in the car park of **Bestwood Housing Office** from 11am to 2pm
 - **Snapenook Court in Bulwell** will be holding an 'Old Times' themed event starting at 12noon
 - **Aspley Housing Office** – will be hosting a day to promote Area Panels and pass on information about how to get involved.

Friday 26 September

- There will be a stall on **Clifton Market** supported by our partner Keepmoat, to offer information and advice on our Secure Warm Modern programme
- There will be a stall on **Bulwell Market** with the winner of the prize draw being picked following the week's quiz
- A 7-a-side football tournament will be taking place at Southglade Sports Hall from 12noon to 3pm. All community teams are invited to come and take part.

Saturday 27 September

There will be a Fun Day taking place on **Bulwell Forest** from 10am to 4pm.

- Nottingham City Homes was created on 1st April 2005 as an Arms Length Management Organisation (ALMO) to manage Nottingham City Council's rented and leasehold homes. We are now working hard towards bringing Nottingham's council houses up to the Government's Decent Homes standard by 2013.

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