



# YOUNG PEOPLE'S FORUM



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**Aberdeen Foyer** exists to meet the needs of people as they move towards social and economic independence. For people living in our supported accommodation this will involve learning, with support, to gain the skills to help you manage your own home, working towards becoming employed, improving your understanding of yourself – who you are, where you are now and where you want to be and developing a healthy and enjoyable social life.





## WHY HAVE A YOUNG PEOPLE 'S FORUM?

To make sure that Aberdeen Foyer meets its aims, it is important that the "people's voice" can be heard and listened to, so they can influence the direction and work of Aberdeen Foyer. To help us achieve this, the Young People's Forum was established in 2005.

## HOW ARE THE REPRESENTATIVES ELECTED?

At all our supported accommodation sites there are regular tenants' meetings which are held at least once a month. In June each year we have elections where all tenants present vote for the people they wish to represent their views.

## WHAT IS EXPECTED OF YOU?

-  **To Attend:** You have been elected to represent your fellow tenants' views so it is really important that you attend the meetings. If you cannot come to a meeting you must let one of the staff who support the Forum know, either by speaking to them in person, or by telephone. (You will be given the contact numbers).
-  **To Participate:** Take part enthusiastically and speak up.

## **TO REPRESENT THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE ELECTED YOU:**

You can only do this by attending your tenants' meetings, listening to and discussing with your fellow tenants their views and opinions. You should let other tenants know that you are there to represent everyone's views regardless of your own personal opinion.

⚡ To pass information on from the Forum at tenants' meetings. It is important that you keep the people you represent up to date with the work and activities of the Forum.

⚡ To recognise that some of the information you will receive will be confidential and must not be passed on or discussed out with Forum meetings.

⚡ To attend other meetings or events when asked. You will be invited to attend other meetings eg, the Board of Directors of Aberdeen Foyer, the launch of new activities or programmes etc.



## **WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT?**

- To be listened to and respected.
- To have opportunities to build your confidence and self respect.
- To have experiences which will assist you to develop your lifeskills.
- To broaden your views on the issues affecting young people.
- To face challenges and learn how to work constructively through them.
- To have fun.

## **WHAT CAN THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S FORUM ACHIEVE?**

- To have a real say in issues affecting young people living in Aberdeen Foyer and beyond.
- To promote a positive environment for all.
- To organise events and activities for young people.
- To keep young people informed.



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