

## **New Opportunities for Residents to Control Local Services**

### ***An overview of changes to the Tenant Empowerment Programme***

Tenants in social housing can work with their local communities to take control of key local housing services. The Tenant Empowerment Programme funds the training, consultation and support with negotiation they may need.

From 1st October 2008 there are changes to the Right to Manage already enjoyed by council tenants. And there is new guidance on a voluntary route for Housing Association tenants.

These changes make it quicker and easier to take control of local services – including those run now by councils, ALMOs and Housing Associations.

Trafford Hall is pleased to offer you three opportunities to find out about these changes, open to tenants, staff and anyone else concerned with social housing in England:

- **Short one-day sessions: 22 October 2008 or 8 December 2008 (10.00 – 4.00)**
- **A 2-day residential training course: 10-11 November 2008, covering the new opportunities in more depth**

**Trainer:** Paul Lusk is Secretary of ATIC (Agencies and Trainers for Involved Communities). Paul has thirty years experience of enabling communities to run local services, is a long standing Trafford Hall trainer and was a member of the team writing the new guidance. As part of the courses Paul will explain how to get more advice and support from ATIC members and others to enable you to take things forward.

#### **Cost**

Both training options are **FREE to tenants of social housing** (including all meals and refreshments, and overnight accommodation for the 2-day course). There is a £10 administration charge per delegate.

For **paid workers** the cost is:

- **2-day course: £245 + VAT (including accommodation, all meals and refreshments)**
- **1-day session: £65 + VAT (including lunch and refreshments)**

**To book a place at any these events, please contact** Claire Lawton, Training Administrator, Trafford Hall, Ince Lane, Wimbolds Trafford, Chester CH2 4JP.  
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