

Embedding a Culture of Tenant and Community Engagement

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Tuath Housing 15,000 Homes, 38,000 Residents

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Social & Environmental Responsibility

Working for People & Places,



Innovation



Sustainability & Resilience

Our Mission Provide Good Quality, Secure Homes That People Can Afford

Our Vision Investing In People And Places By Providing More Homes And Choice



Customer Service and Engagement

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Partnership

Tenant and Community Engagement at Tuath Housing



1. Consultation/Feedback/ tenants one to one engagement

- Listening to tenants about how services can be improved
- Involving tenants in decisions that affect them
- Letting them know how their input has made a difference
- Informing tenants on the different ways to get involved

2. Community development / supports/ diversity/ inclusion

- Empowering tenants to help create strong communities
- Building relationships and trust with tenants
- Collective approach to problem solving
- Investment in community improvements/ environment







Tenant Engagement Research

Embedding a Culture

of Tenant

Tenant Engagement Strategy 2022-2025

practice from tenant Tuath Housing engagement in the UK and Europe and research with Tier 3 AHBs in Ireland Engagement

> - Recommendations and 7 key principles for embedding a culture of tenant engagement in AHBs in Ireland – putting tenants at the centre of what we do.

- Uses evidence of best





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YOUR VOICE, YOUR HOME, YOUR COMMUNITY

Engagement Methods to Bring Communities Together

- □ Tuath Community Fund, €25,000 invested each year.
- Tuath National Spring Clean Competition
- No Mow May
- Bike Week, Earth Day
- Positive Ageing week
- Community Assessments
- World Book Day
- □ Tuath National Planting Month
- Online Consultations, Workshops & Competitions
- □ Tuath Best Kept Estate
- Seasonal Events
- □ Tuath Blossoms Tree Planting project
- Community Libraries Project
- Defibrillator launches and training
- □ Walkability Assessments (age friendly schemes).
- □ Residents Groups Set Up and Support
- Clothes and Toy Swap Shops
- □ Work with community partners MABS, ETB, VOICE, Healthy Ireland,
- Little Fitness, HSE, HFA, Age Friendly Ireland, Local Authorities, AHBS.





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Benefits and Impact of Tenant Engagement in Building Sustainable Communities



Social inclusion, diversity and integration Enhanced access to essential services and support such as education, employment, health and wellbeing.

Working in partnership with Residents and Community Groups to build community

Increasing Biodiversity in Communities





Signposting to community partners e.g. Mabs, Bonkers, ETB, Age Action, Age Friendly Ireland, Healthy Ireland, Youth services, partner AHBs, HFA, HSE and Local Authorities

New skills, confidence for residents Increased Satisfaction for Residents and Staff

Reduction in ASB, Increased Community Safety and Awareness

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Early Resident Engagement- Communal Garden Space, Kickham Street, Carrick on Suir, Tipperary

Funded through the Tuath Community Fund and supported by developer.



Building Community and Social Inclusion in Age Friendly Schemes

Tuath Age Friendly Business Recognition Programme



A resident survey of 26 questions that looked at a variety of areas such as Social Engagement, Communication, Accessibility to Outdoor Areas, Mobility and Transportation, Housing, Technology & Digital Accessibility and Health and community support services.











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Wheelchair accessible outdoor furniture and planters made by PACE Prevention Accommodation Community Enterprise. PACE work inclusively with people with criminal convictions to support them in moving away from offending behaviour and to enhance community wellbeing by reducing offending.

Empowering Community Culture and Identity-Hampton Wood, Dublin Community Art Project 2024

- Low resident morale and community disengagement. Classified as a highly disadvantaged area
- High levels of antisocial behaviour (graffiti, vandalism, drug activity), carpets in communal spaces damaged, broken doors/windows
- Following engagement by Tuath, HSE National Lottery Funding Tuath Tenant Engagement Programme, Equality, Diversity & Inclusion four vibrant community-designed murals across different blocks. Nature ,Culture, Local Landmarks and Interests/ Hobbies
- Residents reported a stronger sense of pride, belonging, and ownership
- Reduced graffiti and improved safety
- Increased tenant participation and youth engagement
- A new resource centre has opened in the area, tenant engagement staff support have built trust with and can support residents to be part of activities.







Lessons learned Tenant and Community Engagement



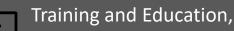
Culture- Top-down approach



Time and Investment needed to build strong communities

Consult /Listen/ Action/ Learn/ Share

Providing a variety of methods to get involved



Buy in from residents/ staff/ all stakeholders



Work in collaboration with Community partners











