



# Dudley Federation



## of Tenants and Residents Associations

### What is a TRA?

- ① **TRA** stands for **Tenants and Residents Association**.
- ① It is a community group made up of local people acting in a voluntary capacity to promote and defend the interests of tenants and residents in their area.
- ① Being part of a TRA group enables areas to have a **representative voice** and increase the **sense of belonging** to a **community**.
- ① It is also something that provides a **collective voice** for tenants in an area, and acts as a **focus for consultation** and an organisation to **lobby for changes**. It can be a place to campaign on certain issues e.g. better **play facilities** and **improvements** to the local area.
- ① A group can also be a base to develop extra services through self help schemes e.g. pensioners lunch clubs, and coffee mornings.

### How do I know if there is a TRA active in my area?

- 🖨️ Go to [www.dudley.gov.uk](http://www.dudley.gov.uk) and type your postcode in the 'in my area' box.
- ☎️ Call **DFTRA on 01384 868 010** or the **Participation Team in Dudley Council on 01384 815168**, who will be able to let you know if there is a TRA currently active in your area.

### Then what?

- 🗨️ If there is an active TRA in your area, you can find your group's general meeting dates for you to go along to and meet the committee and tenants from the local area.
- 🌐 See if your TRA is on Facebook at <http://goo.gl/Y9luep>

### No TRA?

If you think your area could benefit from a TRA, call the Participation Development team on 01384 815168 to enquire about setting up a group.