

Dudley Federation Newsletter

of Tenants and Residents Associations

July - August 2016

DFTRA Update

We have been working with the TRAs who could potentially be affected by the proposed demolition of their flats. Our Chairperson has led consultation meetings in the affected areas, where tenants & leaseholders have had the opportunity to voice their concerns and senior officers have been present to answer questions.

Over the coming months, our Federation board members will be contacting groups to talk over ways that we can improve communications and work together in the future.

As always we encourage you to get in touch with any issues or queries so that we can look into them and keep our member groups up to date.

Dudley's Gardening Angels

We have been asking for volunteers to join us in a project around community spaces. We are hoping to make a start on the project in the near future, so please don't forget to let us know if you are interested!

Keep up to date on news of the project on [facebook.com/DudleyFed](https://www.facebook.com/DudleyFed).

Reporting Hate Crimes

Unfortunately, hate crimes have been on the rise since the recent referendum. In the event that you experience or witness a hate crime please do the following:

Call the Police. In an emergency call 999, in a non-emergency victims should call 101.

Report via the Internet: report-it.org.uk/home

Report via a Hate Incident Reporting Centre - there is a full list on the Council's website: www.dudleysafeandsound.org/hate-crime

Call Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111 - the call is free and you will not be asked for your name.

Information courtesy of Centre for Equality & Diversity CfED [facebook.com/CfED1](https://www.facebook.com/CfED1).

Partnership Update

The subject of Carbon Monoxide (CO) detectors has been discussed various times at our General Meetings. We recently asked Dudley Council to provide answers as to why detectors were being fitted in some properties and not others, here is the response:

Dudley Council as an organisation currently only fit CO detectors to existing homes based on a "risk assessment".

Most of the boilers fitted within our homes are now of the "fail safe" types of appliance, and we therefore believe that these do not need a CO detector fitted adjacent to them. We still have some open flued appliances such as back boilers which have been risk assessed and as a result our policy is to fit a CO detector adjacent to these appliances but only where they are located in a "high risk" area e.g. within bedrooms.

Only when we are made aware that a resident is sleeping in a room as a temporary measure that has an open flued appliance e.g. back boiler, will we fit a CO detector. We also ensure that the property is added to our database highlighting that a safety check (and service if required), are undertaken on a six monthly basis until such a time as the room is returned to its normal use.

Training opportunities

Don't forget, it's not just the necessary training for officer roles that can be done through the Participation Development Team. If you or your TRA members feel that certain training will enable you to further your role on the committee, let them know!

For example, if you think your social media presence and newsletters would be improved by being able to take better photos, you may be interested in photography training. Call 01384 815168 to enquire.



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Text your surname, house number and postcode to 07797 870352
e.g. Brookes, 10, DY1 1HF (initial text will only cost your standard text rate)

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Well done to event organisers

A big well done to Ellowes Hall & Area TRA, Oval & Tudor TRA and all others involved in the planning for the Gornal Fun Day that took place on Saturday 9th July. Despite the adverse weather conditions they went ahead and held another brilliant event. See photos and information on the event at www.facebook.com/elloweshalltra

Congratulations as well to Corbyns Bromley TRA who held yet another fantastic Black Country Fun Day on Sunday 10th July, lots of fun was had by all who attended. Check out photos from the event at www.facebook.com/corbysbromley.tra



Upcoming TRA events

Friday 26th August - Wollaston Farm TRA Community Information Day, Kent Rd Park, 11am-3pm. Keep up to date via their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/WollastonFarm

Saturday 3rd September - Chapel Street TRA Fun Day, Nine Locks Community Centre 12-4pm. Keep up to date via their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ChapelStreetEstateTRA

-- Let us know if you have an event that you would like us to advertise --

TRAs on Social Media
A list of all the TRAs and their social media sites can be found at: <http://goo.gl/pjJoi9>

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Dudley Federation to host their first Social Media Surgery

We're very excited to be hosting our first surgery on Thursday 13 October 2016 from 2pm to 3.30pm.

If you're not familiar with Social Media surgeries, these are informal meet-ups of people from charities and community or voluntary groups who would like to increase their knowledge of social media. Lorna Prescott and Melissa Guest from DCVS will be on hand to provide assistance and you can also sign up to be a surgeon if you would like to help.

We have been encouraging TRA groups to have an online presence for a while and this is a great chance to get some help to maximise your online profile, meet up with like-minded organisations to see what they are doing, pick up some tips and pass on some ideas too!

Before our surgery in October there are sessions happening at:

Café Grandé - 15 Stone Street, Dudley DY1 1NS, - Thursday 11th August 6pm - 7.30pm

Coffee Cups - 31 Thornhill Road, Hasbury, Halesowen B63 1AU - Monday 12th September 9:30-11am

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Sign up for a session, keep up to date on future sessions and get more information at socialmediasurgery.com

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