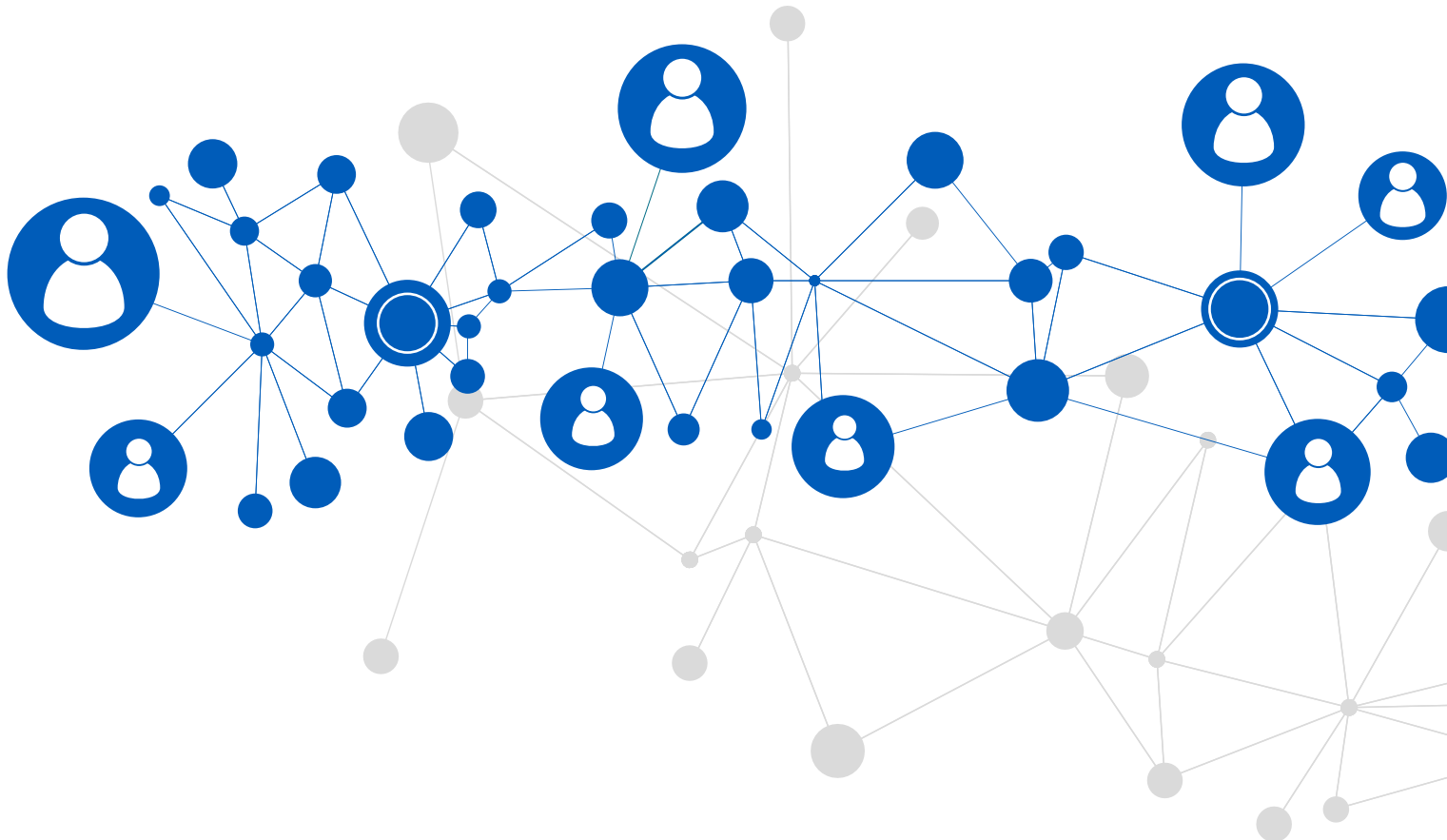


Would you like to influence housing policy in Scotland to ensure that it works for tenants?

Do you have experience of working in partnership to achieve goals?

Then become a Regional Network committee member



We have recently restructured and would like you to be involved

Our Networks are made up of Council and Housing Association tenant and resident groups and we work to influence the development of national housing policy, ensuring tenants and resident views are reflected in policy discussions. We work in partnership with the Scottish Government.

Our achievements include:

- **Developing** effective engagement with the Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR) and meeting with SHR on a regular basis to discuss social housing regulation.
- **Challenging** the Scottish Government to produce more robust guidance on the operation of Local Authority Housing Revenue Accounts (HRA) to ensure Council tenant rent money is used correctly.
- **Participating** alongside professional organisations in Scottish Government working groups, such as the Housing and Social Security Working Group and Joint Housing Policy Delivery Group, ensuring that tenants and interests are at the heart of the policy process.
- **Sharing** ideas and best practice to improve services and participation locally.

Your involvement could make a huge difference to shaping national policy and improving the quality and services tenants and others receive from social landlords.



The Networks are looking for people who have experience and knowledge of working locally in partnership with other tenants and landlords, who would you like to use these skills to work on national housing issues?

As a Regional Network committee member you will be involved in discussions and reaching decisions on policy issues, studying information, asking questions, challenging perceptions and coming to a consensus as a group.

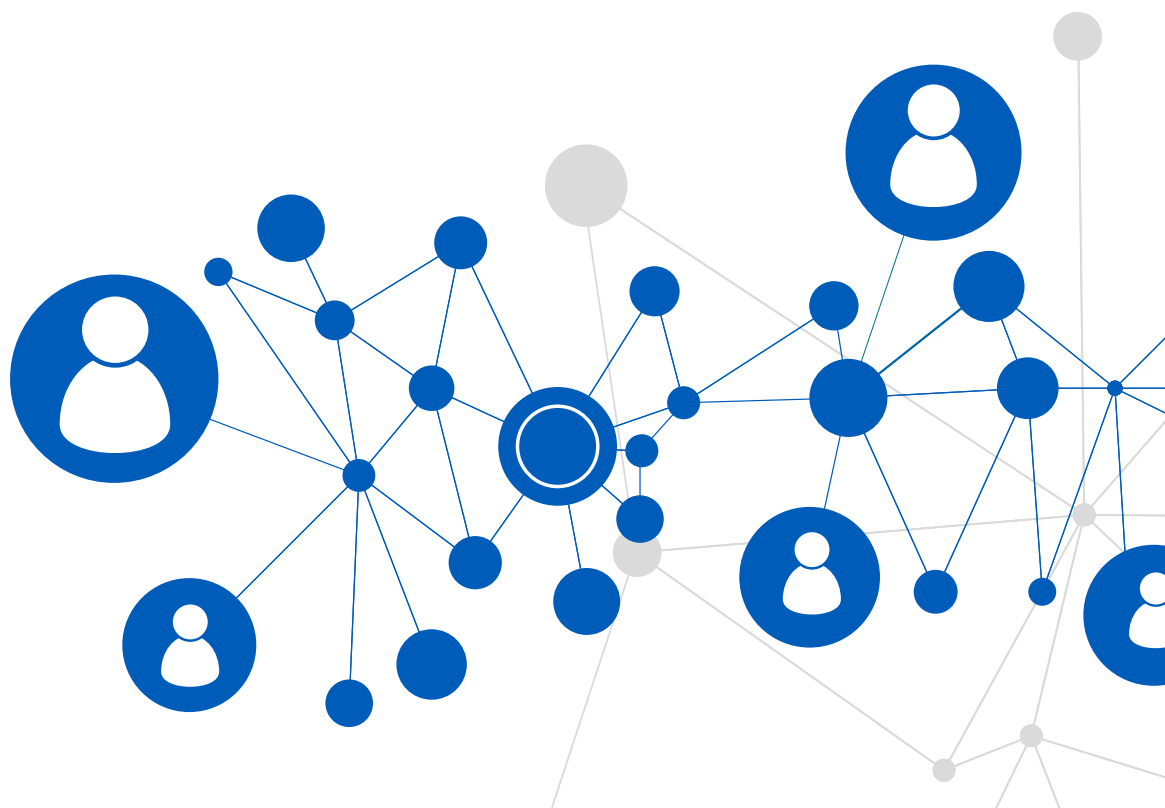
You will also be expected to promote the work of the Regional Networks alongside regular committee meetings you may also represent your committee at events and meetings and be responsible for reporting back to your committee, RTOs and Scrutiny Groups within your region. Depending on your interests and skills you will have the opportunity to represent the networks on Scottish Government Advisory Groups and will be able to take the lead on issues where you have a specific interest, skills and experience.

Regional Network committee members also have the opportunity to meet the Minister for Housing and Local Government. Part of his on-going commitment to meet with the Networks and hear directly from tenants and residents about issues is important to them.

And remember if you get elected to the committee office bearer roles will be available! If you have the relevant skills and abilities and want to be considered for Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary or Treasurer then put your name forward.

The Networks want you to be involved as long as you have the backing and nomination of your group. Don't forget - being part of the Networks is a fantastic opportunity for you to bring your skills and knowledge to influence national policy and make a difference!

Support and training - it can be daunting joining a new committee. The Scottish Government, in partnership with the Tenants Information Service (TIS) and Tenant Participation Advisory Service (TPAS), will ensure that all relevant training will be provided.



There are 4 Regional Network Groups across Scotland, covering the following local authority areas:

Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4
North of Scotland	South East Scotland	South West Scotland	Central Scotland
Aberdeen City	City of Edinburgh	Dumfries and Galloway	Clackmannanshire
Aberdeenshire	East Lothian	East Ayrshire	East Dunbartonshire
Angus	Fife	East Renfrewshire	Falkirk
Argyll and Bute	Midlothian	Inverclyde	Glasgow City
Dundee City	Scottish Borders	North Ayrshire	North Lanarkshire
Highland	West Lothian	Renfrewshire	South Lanarkshire
Moray		South Ayrshire	Stirling
The Western Isles			West Dunbartonshire
Orkney Islands			
Perth and Kinross			
Shetland Islands			

How Can you get involved?

LOOK out for your AGM invitation coming in the post.

ACCEPT the invitation either online or via the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

CONSIDER nominating someone from your group to represent your local authority area to work with the Scottish Government on national issues.

ATTEND the AGM.

All reasonable expenses for attending meetings and other Network business will be reimbursed.

You can visit our website at www.regionalnetworks.org.uk or email the Tenant Priorities team of the Scottish Government at tpadminsUPPORT@gov.scot for more information.

