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Volunteer in your Community



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WELCOME



Thank you for your interest in volunteering with New Gorbals Housing Association.


Our Association was established in 1989 by a group of local people who wanted to provide the people of the Gorbals with high quality, desirable and affordable housing. Over the years we have grown to become the Gorbals largest provider of Social Rented Housing but we have always remained a Community Controlled Housing Association.

As a Community Controlled Housing Association it's local people, just like you, who volunteer their time to work together with staff to set the Association's aims and objectives, develop actions and activities that work towards these aims and objectives and oversee our progress and success.

We know that our responsibilities don't end at providing and maintaining housing stock and we've always been committed to supporting work that helps our community thrive.

Over the last 5 years we've been very active, working in partnership with local people, groups and organisations to tackle some of the challenges and barriers faced by our community.

Working closely alongside local people we know that there is a lot of passion, ambition and talent in our community and that lots of people are keen to get involved in community life. We want to support this as much as we can, and so we're delighted to launch a formal volunteering programme that will support, value and reward local people for their contribution to their community.



WHY VOLUNTEER

Feel more connected...

to the place you live and the people who live there.

Gain experience and knowledge...

about your community and the people who live here whilst learning more about the things you are interested in and enjoy.

Work towards your goals...

whether you want to move in to work, meet new people or just do something rewarding with your free time, volunteering can help!

Make a positive difference...

in the lives of the people who live in your community.

Build confidence...

in a friendly and supportive environment.

It's flexible...

Volunteering can fit around your existing commitments.

It doesn't impact your benefits...

if you are receiving Universal Credit the time you spend volunteering can even count for as much as half of the time you are expected to look for or prepare for work.

It feels good...

People who volunteer often say they get a great sense of satisfaction because they know they are making a difference to the lives of others.



VOLUNTEERING WITH US

Anyone aged 16+ can volunteer with us. You don't have to be a tenant but you do have to be a Gorbals resident.

Volunteering with us will give you the opportunity to learn more about what we do and influence the services we deliver.

If you choose to volunteer with our Communities Team you will be part of a team of volunteers working to deliver a whole range of services and activities for local people.

You'll go through our informal induction process and learn about our commitment to volunteering as set out in our Volunteer Policy and allocated a Volunteer Support Officer, a member of our Communities Team, who will work with you to make sure you get the most out of volunteering.

As a volunteer you'll be involved in helping to design, develop and deliver the activities you are part of, so you will have the opportunity to really influence what happens in your community.

You will never be out of pocket as we'll cover all of your expenses and, if you need any special equipment or adaptations to help you volunteer we'll cover these too.

We want your volunteering experience to be really positive and satisfying so we'll check in with you regularly to make sure we're meeting our commitment!



OUR OPPORTUNITIES

We currently offer five volunteer opportunities, four of these are supported by our Communities Team with the fifth supported by our Senior Management Team.

COMMUNITY MEAL VOLUNTEER

Community Meal Volunteers will work with our Communities Team to help deliver community meals.

The role is varied and we need people to:

- Help us design menus and create shopping lists
- Shop for ingredients
- Prep and cook meals
- Welcome and engage with diners
- Serve food
- Help clearing and cleaning after meals.



COMMUNITY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES VOLUNTEER

Community Events & Activities Volunteers will work with our Communities Team to help deliver a whole range of events and activities including the Gorbals Fair, Christmas Lights Switch On, Halloween Events etc.

The role will include:

- Planning to create new events and improve existing ones;
- Management to make sure each part of the event is properly organised and runs smoothly;
- Promoting events across the community;
- Hosting events and activities, welcoming and engaging with participants.



OUR OPPORTUNITIES

GORBALS IDEAS FUND COMMUNITY ADVOCATE

The Gorbals Ideas Fund is a community-led initiative that brings Participatory Budgeting to the Gorbals. Working with our Community Budgeting Officer volunteers act as Community Advocates to:

- Encourage, educate and empower local people to improve outcomes for themselves and their community;
- Advocate for and on behalf of the wider community to ensure their experiences, views and opinions are considered at all levels of decision making; and
- deliver Participatory Budgeting processes that give local people control over how local funds are spent to address local priorities.

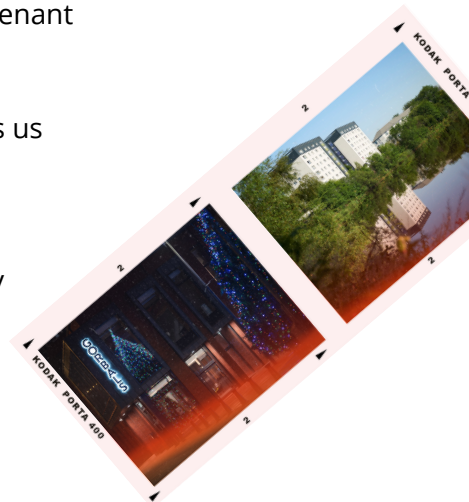


TENANT PARTICIPATION PANEL MEMBER

If you are a New Gorbals Housing Association tenant you can join our Tenant Participation Panel.

The Panel meets on a quarterly basis and helps us think about the best ways to keep our tenants informed and included in our work.

As a Panel member you'll help us to continually improve our services by sharing your views, experiences and opinions.



OUR OPPORTUNITIES

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBER

As a Community Controlled Housing Association we rely on our tenants to help guide our work.

As part of our Management Committee you will help us make decisions about how we spend our budgets, what funding we apply for and how we develop and grow as an organisation.

Being part of our Management Committee is a responsible role and you will have insight to every area of our work and will be central in making key decisions alongside our Senior Management Team.

To join our Management Committee you have to be a member of our organisation and membership costs £1.00. Find out more at:

<https://www.newgorbalsha.org.uk/about-us/our-members>

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MEET THE TEAM



Community Co-ordinator Michael Fullerton

Michael has worked with us since 2015. When he's not at work Michael spends his time having fun with his kids, following Kilmarnock FC, Scotland's National Team and going to gigs!



Community Budgeting Officer Jo Speirs

Jo has worked with us since 2017. When she's not at work Jo is usually walking her dogs, cooking, sewing or dying her hair another colour of the rainbow!



Community Engagement Worker Ailsa Clark

Ailsa has worked with us since 2018. When she's not at work Ailsa can be found reading books, going to the cinema, cleaning up spills or dreaming about cats.

JOIN US

If you would like to volunteer with us or if you would like more information about our volunteering opportunities please give the Communities Team a call on 0141 429 3900 or email communities@newgorbalsha.org.uk.

To stay up to date with all of our events and activities why not follow us on social media:



@NGHACommunities and @NewGorbalsHA



@GorbalsEventsGroup and @NewGorbalsHA

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