

Networking, learning and having fun... It must be a TPAS conference!

Over 300 tenants' representatives and housing staff traveled to 'sunny' Dundee for the TPAS Annual Conference in October. Tenants and staff welcomed the opportunity to come together, share ideas, top up their knowledge and learn new skills. Delegates had the choice of taking part in 20 different workshops over the weekend in the City's waterfront Apex Hotel.

Positive feedback from delegates...

"Best conference yet"

"I was very impressed that there were two people 'signing' "

"It's hard not to learn at a TPAS conference"

TPAS were pleased to receive positive feedback, with many saying it was the "best conference yet". The success of the conference was made possible by our sponsors Dumfries and Galloway Housing Partnership, Glasgow Housing Association and Strachan Office supplies. Fundraising carried out at the conference also raised over £800 for charity. This year's chosen charities were Cancer Research and the Possil Futures Project in Glasgow.

When the inspector calls...

Delegates were extremely interested in hearing from John Jenkins, an inspection manager from the Scottish Housing Regulator. Tenants were encouraged to here that the regulator is getting tough on poor performance as well as remaining committed to involving tenants in the inspection process.

Powerful performance

Talented actress Naomi Breeze performed two powerful performances about the reality of homelessness and dealing with anti social behavior. Naomi's one woman plays left delegates visibly moved, whilst also providing plenty 'food for thought' for tenant and landlord organisations alike.

The art of influence and persuasion

TPAS arranged for Nick Davies to share his experiences on the art of influence and persuasion. Nick is a barrister and trains other barristers on how best to persuade people and ultimately win cases. Nick inspired the audience and gave everyone ideas on how best to influence landlords and councils to do things differently.

Planning is already underway for next years' conference. TPAS have already booked the Apex Hotel in Dundee for 2010, and work has started on next years' theme. If there are any topics you would like to see featured in the TPAS conference, why not send TPAS your ideas now: enquiries@tpasscotland.org.uk