

South Yorkshire Network

Partnership Working Charter November 2009

This is a voluntary partnership agreement between the local community, South Yorkshire Federations and service providers to help meet both the regional and sub regional priorities relating to Housing at a South Yorkshire level.

The following agreement aims to compliment and work alongside existing organisations and policies relating to the wider tenant movement and to ensure that local democracy is strengthened and members of the community are empowered to have a say in the decision making process.

The agreement aims to lead to an increase in participation and will have a direct impact on the governments Duty to involve.

This is a living and evolving document which aims to improve engagement at a sub regional level by increasing the capacity of our local communities to work together with service providers to address issues both on a local and national level with one collective voice. The charter aims to develop a mutual understanding and trust between the service providers and the local community thus allowing the Federations to play an active role in the process of place shaping creating a sense of shared ownership.

Area covered:

South Yorkshire as a whole both the private and rented sector.
Membership is made up of the South Yorkshire Federations/Alliance.

Priorities of the agreement:

To provide a forum for South Yorkshire Federations to come together as a collaborative group known as the South Yorkshire Network.

To link with the wider tenant movement and to be a catalyst for action by providing an inclusive sub regional organisation that is linked into both national and regional organisations.

To work alongside regional and national organisations both within the 3rd sector and the statutory sector.

To work alongside local housing providers including Arms Length Management Organisation and Housing Associations as well as any other providers in the demographic area.

To provide a discussion forum and information exchange facility between the four Federations within the area from grass routes to national level.

To acknowledge the membership and linkages of its member organisations.

To enable the engagement of tenants and residents in active debate on neighbourhood issues at national, regional and sub regional level.

To promote the South Yorkshire Network and to gain representation on existing decision making bodies and on developing organisations.

To promote equality of opportunity within the community and its membership, to ensure the elimination of discrimination against any person on the basis of race, age, sexual orientation or preference, disability or religion.

To respond collectively, if appropriate, to consultation as required.

To hold and attend training sessions in any issues related to the tenant movement.

Charter Cover

The charter will focus on all issues related to the housing service including issues as directed from local and national government, as well as the wider issues related to tenure and involvement.

Agreement

We the undersigned agree to work towards the principles of the South Yorkshire Network.

***Sheffield Alliance
Chair***

***Rotherham Federation
Chair***

***Barnsley Federation
Chair***

***Doncaster Federation
Chair***