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COMMUNITY AWARDS & TENANT CELEBRATION 2024



Radius recently hosted the Community Awards & Tenant Celebration 2024 event with over 200 tenants and staff coming together to celebrate at the Tullyglass Hotel, Ballymena.

The Tenant Celebration Event was a time to recognise all the hard work going on within Radius Communities by our tenants and residents, who committed their time to improve where they live, making a positive impact, volunteering their time and supporting neighbours in need.

- 10 independent living schemes who achieved a Community Green Flag Award received a token of appreciation.
- Tenants involved in the Focus Group for the Tenant Participation Gold Award also received a token of appreciation.

A Health & Wellbeing discussion took place by Gary Hegarty and Oonah Stringer who had been involved judging the various Best Garden categories sharing their expertise on repurposing, growing

food in small spaces, gardening on a budget and how to be more sustainable.

In the afternoon a floral demonstration was delivered by John McCandless, with everyone taking home their masterpiece.

Special thanks to our Gardening Contractors Kyle McAuley, Idverde, Brian Owens and McCracken Landscapes who kindly sponsored the random draw with 11 Radius communities receiving a Love 2 Shop Voucher.



RADIUS COMMUNITY AWARDS WINNERS 2024

Best Hanging Baskets/Planters

Runner Up Gortgole Fold Portglenone

Winner: Maine Fold, Randalstown

Best Sustainable/Biodiverse Garden area

Runner Up: Skerries Fold, Portrush

Winner: Gortgole Fold, Portglenone

Best Kept Individual Garden

Runner Up: Mr & Mrs Thompson, Mount Vernon, Belfast

Winner: Eileen Devine, Pinetree Manor, Belfast

Best Kept Urban Garden

Forthriver Fold, Belfast

Best Kept Communal Garden

Runner Up Neillsbrook Fold Randalstown

Winner: Maine Fold, Randalstown

Good Neighbour Award

Highly Commended: Rodney Archer Scrabo Fold Newtownards

Winner: Robert Pankhurst, Abbey Court, Belfast

Positive Impact Award

Highly Commended groups: Maine Fold, Randalstown & Mill Brae Fold, Broughshane

Winner: Brownhill Fold, Irvinestown

Inspirational Young Person Award

Highly Commended - Carley Rose

Winner: Bronagh Wetherall

Thank you again to everyone who entered a submission for the awards. Check out the Radius website and keep an eye on our Facebook page where we will be sharing more photos and videos of the day.

Would you like to feature in the next Radius Mail newsletter?

Please speak to your Scheme Coordinator, Housing Officer or email us at: tenant.engagement@radiushousing.org

COMMUNITY CHEST REMINDER

Now open for groups to apply for funding from £250 - £1000.

We are keen to receive applications from groups that have never received Community Chest funding previously.

Speak to your Scheme Coordinator or contact:

tenant.engagement@radiushousing.org for more information.



Welfare Advice

• Providing advice, support and advocacy on all aspects of benefit entitlement.

• Radius Welfare Advice Officers are on hand to support and assist you with:

- Benefits
- Universal Credit
- Budgeting

• Get in touch with your Scheme Coordinator or Housing Officer if you would like a referral.



Report a Repair Online

• To report a repair, visit our website and fill in our online Report a Repair form or scan the QR Code.



• You can also contact the Radius Office directly on 0330 123 0888 or speak to your Scheme Coordinator.

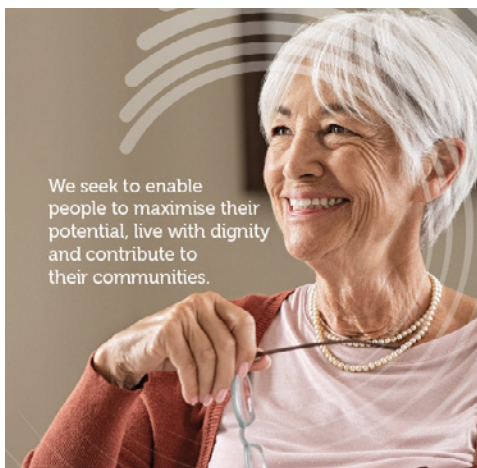
• For Emergency Repairs, contact us immediately on 0330 123 0888

POSITIVE AGEING MONTH 2024

Positive Ageing Month 2024 takes place during the month of October, launching on the 1st October with International Day of Older Persons.

During this month a range of events, activities and programmes are being held to celebrate the contribution older people make to their communities.

This campaign is led by the Age Friendly Network and supported by Age Friendly Officers in every council area, for more information contact your local council or speak to your Scheme Coordinator who will be able to search online what your local council is offering during positive ageing month.



Radius will soon be launching our Age Friendly Strategy which will shape our services for older people across the next three years and beyond.

DON'T MISS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO GET INVOLVED WITH PANEL MEETINGS

Attending a panel meeting is an opportunity to meet with Management from Housing, Assets and Corporate Services to discuss matters of importance, scrutinise the service received holding Radius to account for their performance.

These meetings are a good opportunity to meet fellow Radius tenants from different areas of Northern Ireland.

In advance of a panel meeting you will receive an Agenda along with a Performance Scorecard.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 24th October, at 11am, Hollywood Boardroom, and online via Microsoft Teams.

Spaces are limited at the Hollywood Boardroom and must be registered in advance of meeting.

For any person who wishes to join via Microsoft Teams please register to receive a link.

Devices are available on request by letting Tenant Engagement know in advance of the meetings.

For more information or to register your place contact Lesa or Ashleigh via email: tenant.engagement@radiushousing.org

FUNDRAISING IN ACTION!

Well done to **Glenravel Fold** tenants who organised a quiz and raffle raising £420 for Action Cancer.



We also want to say a huge well done to **Grahamsbridge Manor** on your fundraising efforts working hard to raise enough money to purchase a defibrillator for the scheme.

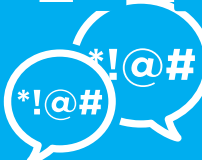
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