

Nomination Form

Lifetime Achievement: Tenant



TIS National Excellence Awards 2024

The **TIS National Excellence awards** recognise and celebrate housing organisations, staff, volunteers, tenants, residents, and community groups **who are leading the way and making positive change in the Scottish social housing sector.**

Categories honour excellence in everything **from partnership working, tenant participation and scrutiny practice, to digital creativity and innovation.** Hotly anticipated, the awards offer a seal of approval for the most outstanding work.

Finalists are selected by an expert and independent judging panel, and **winners announced at an awards ceremony on Thursday 7th November 2024 at the Grand Central Hotel in Glasgow.**

The closing date for applications is 5:00pm on Thursday 11th July 2024. TIS accepts submissions in more than one award category.

Category Overview

The **Lifetime Achievement** award recognises an extraordinary, individual tenant who has demonstrated **an exceptional commitment to effecting positive change** across the Scottish social housing sector, during their lifetime.

Submissions must evidence how the individual has made significant contributions, both in the organisation in which they have worked, and across the sector as a whole. **A real ambassador for building strong and resilient communities,** they have championed tenant participation, had a profound impact on the lives of many, empowered other tenants, residents, and communities to influence housing policies, services, and standards, explored innovative new ways to get people involved, strengthened relationships and communication, **and inspired those that they have worked with.**

Who you can nominate

This award is open to an individual tenant.

About you

Please note information about the individual, organisation, or group submitting the application:

Name	Shona Agnew
Position	Development Officer
Organisation	Edinburgh Tenants Federation
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About the nominee

Please note information about the individual you are nominating:

Name	Harry Woodward
Position	Individual Tenant Member
Organisation	Edinburgh Tenants Federation
Email address	hcwoodward.0253@gmail.com
Telephone number	07523169592

Background

Maximum 250 words

Please outline background information about the individual that you are nominating.

For example, detail:

- The background of the individual.
- The specific role they undertake.

Harry Woodward is an individual tenant who has been heavily involved with ETF for several years, and before that, he worked in housing for over 35 years of his career with both City of Edinburgh Council and Dunedin Canmore Housing Association. Harry is extremely knowledgeable about housing issues and spends time out with his voluntary work with ETF reading and keeping up to date on housing issues in Edinburgh and Scotland.

Harry is also a board member on a local Housing Association and has been involved with TPAS Scotland and the Chartered Institute of Housing.

Harry's role in ETF includes attending many of our events, consultations and workshops as an active participant who feeds back on local and national policy and legislation. He has also recently helped us with a social media campaign to attract more tenant volunteers to the organisation. Harry is a hugely reliable tenant member who provides useful and relevant feedback on much of the work that we do.

Actions

Maximum 500 words

Please outline specific actions of the individual that demonstrate an exceptional commitment to effecting positive change across the Scottish social housing sector, during their lifetime.

For example, outline:

- How the individual has had a profound impact on the lives of many.
- How the individual has become an ambassador for building strong and resilient communities.
- How the individual has gone above and beyond to champion tenant participation practices, and empowered other tenants, residents, and communities to influence housing policies, services, and standards.
- How the individual has inspired those that they have worked with.
- The work involved and their overall aim.

- Harry spent many of his working years in housing, supporting tenants with their housing issues as a professional.
- Harry is a council tenant himself and has dedicated much of his time in his retirement to support ETF and improve housing services for all tenants.
- Harry has recently helped ETF with a social media campaign to raise awareness of ETF and encourage more tenants to get involved with ETF as volunteers.
- Harry is a proactive and reliable volunteer member of ETF and can be counted on to support and attend many of the important events that ETF hosts, including frequently contributing to local and national consultations on issues that impact tenants including the Local Housing Strategy, the Housing (Scotland) Act Bill Consultation, the APPG consultation on Council housing and many more.
- Harry is a confident speaker and iterates his passion, motivation and enthusiasm for improving tenants' rights and experiences and improving housing services.
- Harry is an excellent listener always leaves space for other tenants to share their views and is very supportive of tenant participation.
- Harry is always very clear that the aim of his participation with ETF and council activities around housing issues is to work to improve the current housing situation for all, with a particular concern for improving services for future young tenants.
- Harry also has a strong desire to remove the stigma and discrimination of social housing tenants and to make social housing accessible to anyone who needs it.
- Harry's work with a wide range of housing organisations in Scotland including CIH, TPAS, ETF, local housing associations and more demonstrates his exceptional motivation to improve housing for all, with a particular focus on improving social housing.

Outcomes

Maximum 700 words

Please outline positive outcomes the individual has achieved as a result of their commitment to effecting positive change across the Scottish social housing sector, during their lifetime.

For example, detail the impact on:

- The delivery of housing services.
- The improvement of satisfaction levels.
- Adding value to their local area and improving community spirit.
- The culture of the organisation and its core values.
- Communication, strengthening relationships, and partnership working.
- The inclusion and lasting benefits of tenants, residents, and communities.
- The skills and knowledge of other tenants, residents, and communities.
- How others can learn from the individual's good practice now and in the future.

- Harry engages with several ETF and Council working groups including the Repairs Scrutiny group, ETF Federation meetings and the ETF High Flats Group. He also contributes to ongoing and regular consultations and workshops. This input has been very important and helpful to ETF in terms of helping the organisation to feedback to the council on how they can improve their services to tenants and the wider community.
- Harry brings a positive influence on the culture of ETF and to tenant participation, he is open, professional, supportive and works well with others.
- As a former housing professional, Harry brings a wide range of knowledge and experience, both as a professional and in his own experience as a tenant, which adds value to his input. He is always open to sharing his knowledge with others and having open discussions about what ETF and the local authority can do to improve tenant experiences.
- Due to his excellent manner and calm demeanour and strong communication skills he is an excellent role model for other members of ETF.
- Harry has been involved in training and support for wider tenants in Scotland due to his role as a board member with a local housing association, his work with ETF, TPAS, CIH and more. This includes work on housing management issues, regeneration work and historical engagement with the stock transfer vote in Edinburgh.

What makes this nominee stand out from the rest?

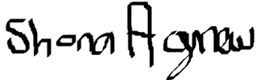
Maximum 100 words

Please provide a short testimonial on why this individual deserves to win.

Harry deserves to be nominated for this award due to his unwavering commitment to improving experiences and services for tenants in Edinburgh. He is dedicated to tenant participation and is always willing to help ETF even when it involves activities out of his comfort zone, for example being filmed for social media.

Declaration

As the proposer I have completed this nomination form to the best of my knowledge, and the information provided is a true representation of the nominee's achievements.

Name	Shona Agnew
Signature	
Date	18.06.2024

Thank you for taking the time to complete this nomination form.

Please submit your nomination by **5:00pm on Thursday 11th July 2024** to TIS by email at: info@tis.org.uk or by post to: **TIS – Clockwise Offices, 77 Renfrew Street, Glasgow, G2 3BZ.**

Next steps

- **All applications will be acknowledged on receipt by TIS.** If you do not receive acknowledgement within 3 working days, please contact us to ensure your application has been received.
- An **independent judging panel** will rate your application against the award criteria. The panel will consist of representatives from organisations across the Scottish social rented sector.
- Your award submission will provide the basis for both the shortlist and final decision of the winning entry.
- **TIS welcomes applications in more than one award category.**

- Please ensure you answer all questions as fully as possible and keep the content of your nomination focused – avoid exceeding the suggested word count.
- **TIS will inform all proposers of the outcome of their application Thursday 29th August 2024.**
- Finalists will be invited to the **TIS National Excellence Awards Ceremony**, as part of the TIS National Housing Conference and Exhibition, on **Thursday 7th November 2024** at the Grand Central Hotel in Glasgow.