

Tenant participation at a national level



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Formerly known as Regional Networks



Regional Networks has been rebranded and, as from our AGM on Saturday 1st June 2024, we are now **Tenants Together (Scotland)**.

Tenants Together has a slightly different structure to Regional Networks but:-

- We will continue the good work of Regional Networks;
- We will continue to be run by and for tenants and service users of Social housing.
- We will still involve tenants and service users of registered tenant organisations (RTO's) and landlord-recognised groups.



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Brief History of Regional Networks

- The Regional Networks were originally established in 2008 with nine regions.
- Restructured in 2017 with four regions
- The four regions covered the whole of Scotland. Each Network covered a number of local authority areas, and their membership was drawn from representatives of Registered Tenants Organisations (RTOs) and recognised landlord groups.



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Key changes

- No longer divided into four separate regions
- No longer restricted to 2 or 3 members from each local authority area
- We now work as one national group of tenants
- Our Committee will be made up of our members to a maximum size of 32 and, for the first time, can include up to 5 individuals i.e. tenants and service users not part of an RTO or landlord-recognised group.



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Our Mission Statement

We are **a national network of tenants** committed to empowering **the tenants of today and tomorrow**, ensuring their **voices are heard and influence decisions** within the **Scottish social housing sector**, to **protect tenants' rights and make a difference**.



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WHO

AUDIENCE

WHAT

WHERE

WHY

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Our Core Values

Tenants Together has **five core values** that serve as the foundation of our mission and vision. They shape our culture, reflect what we believe in, and guide how we engage with tenants, service users, key stakeholders, and our members.

We commit to incorporating our core values into everything that we do.

- Approachable
- Collaborative
- Inclusivity
- Integrity
- Transparent



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Our Vision

Tenants Together mission statement outlines the purpose of our organisation. It outlines where we envisage the organisation to be three years from now.

It considers four key elements:

- › Our Team
- › Our Services
- › Our Marketing
- › Our Impact





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About us



Tenant Led

We are committed to **championing tenant participation**, engagement, and scrutiny practices.



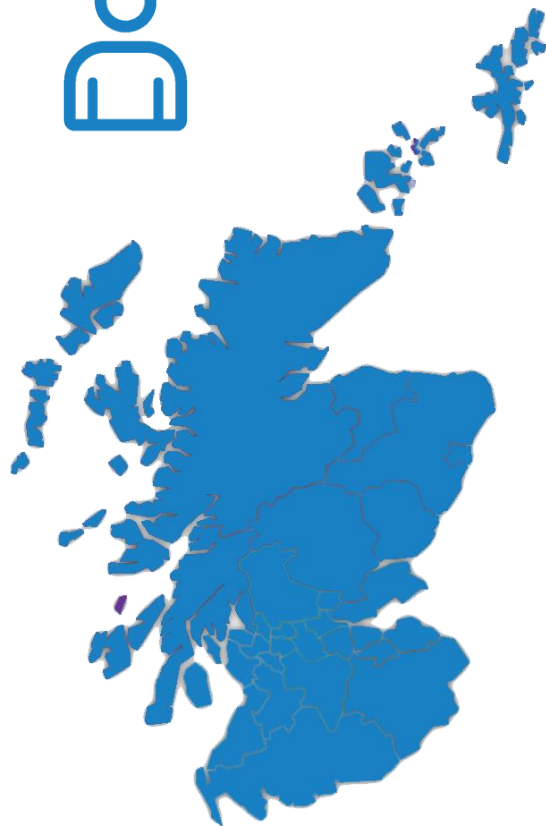
Tenant Driven

We work in partnership with the Scottish Government and key decision makers **to improve the lives and wellbeing of tenants.**



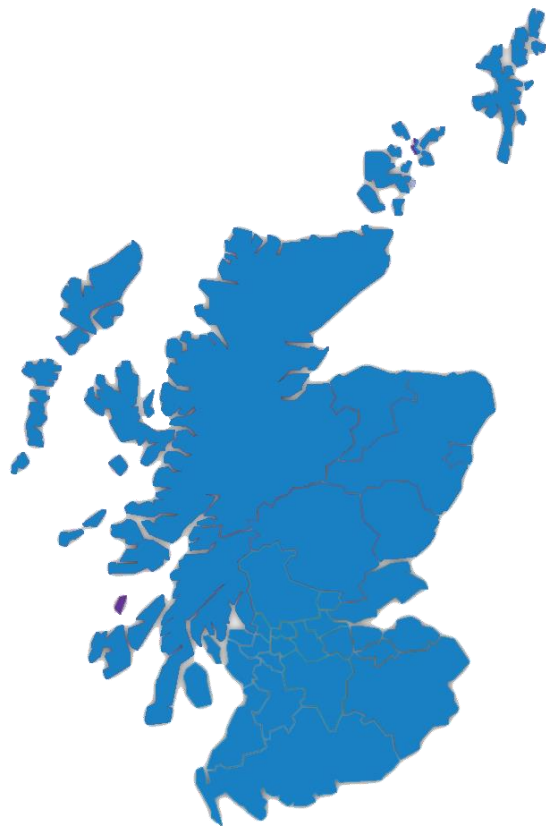
Tenant Issues

We believe in **the power of working together** and true collaboration runs through our organisation.



- › Registered Tenant Organisation (RTO)
- › Landlord Recognised Group
- › Doesn't need a constitution
- › Don't need office bearers or elections
- › Doesn't even have to meet face to face

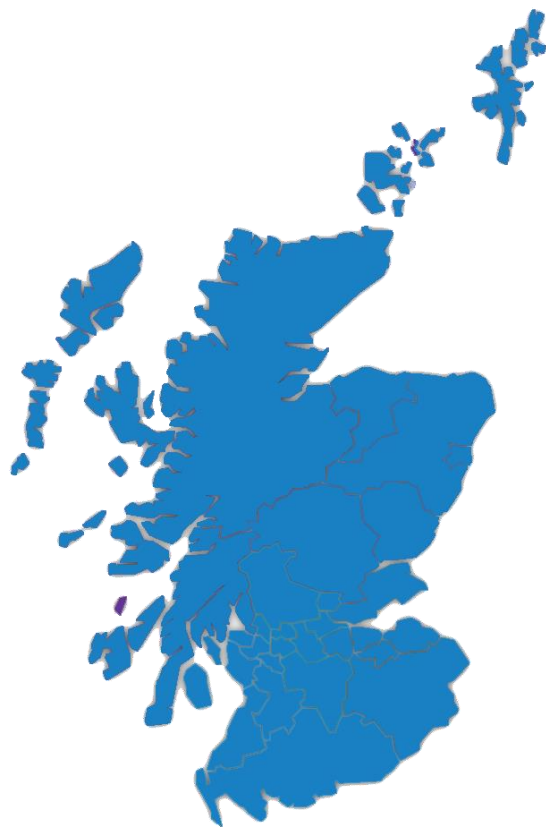




Examples of types of groups

- Registered Tenants Organisation (RTO)
- Scrutiny Group
- Tenants Forum
- Tenants Strategy Group
- Tenants and Residents Association (TRA)
- Customer Panel
- Neighbourhood Council
- Social Club





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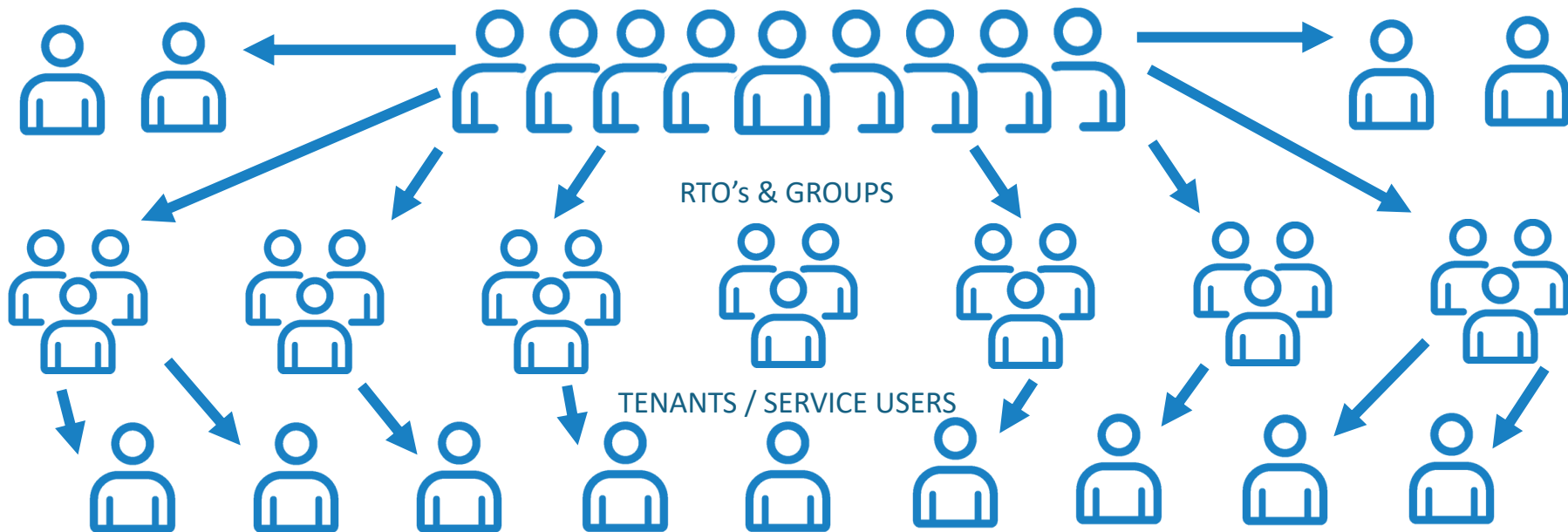
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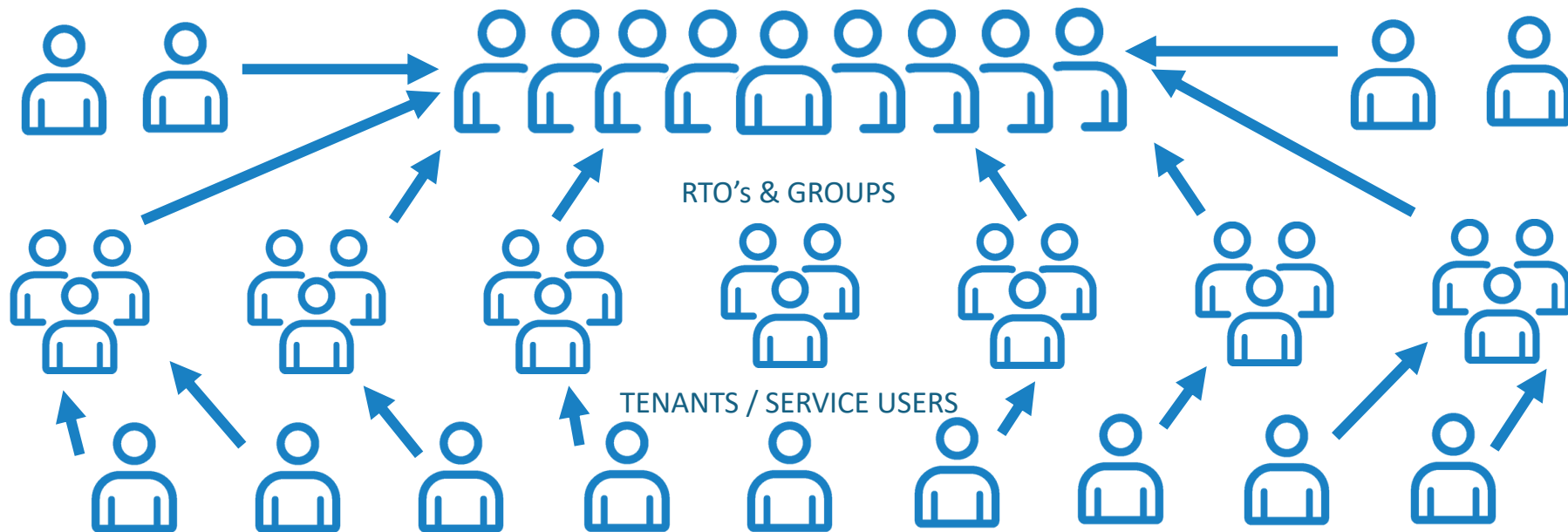


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Our Work

- › Consultations
- › Focus Groups
- › Meetings with the
 - › Scottish Housing Regulator
 - › Minister for Housing
 - › Office Bearers
- › Working Groups





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Consultations

- Social Housing Net Zero Standard for Scotland,
- the SHR Regulatory Framework,
- Annual Return on the Scottish Social Housing Charter
- the Affordable Housing Supply Programme and
- Enhancing the accessibility, adaptability and usability of Scotland's homes.
- Covid Inquiry





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Ministerial Meeting

- › **Minister for Housing, Paul McLennan MSP**
- › We regularly meet with the Housing Minister, at least twice per year to discuss relevant and recent issues affecting Scottish Social Housing





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Working Groups



TTS Working Group	Stakeholder Group
Accessibility Group	Accessible Housing & Independent Living
Communications	-
Housing to 2040	Strategic Board for H2040
Housing Revenue Account (HRA)	-
Rent Affordability Group	Housing Affordability Stakeholder Group
SHR Liaison Group	Scottish Housing Regulator

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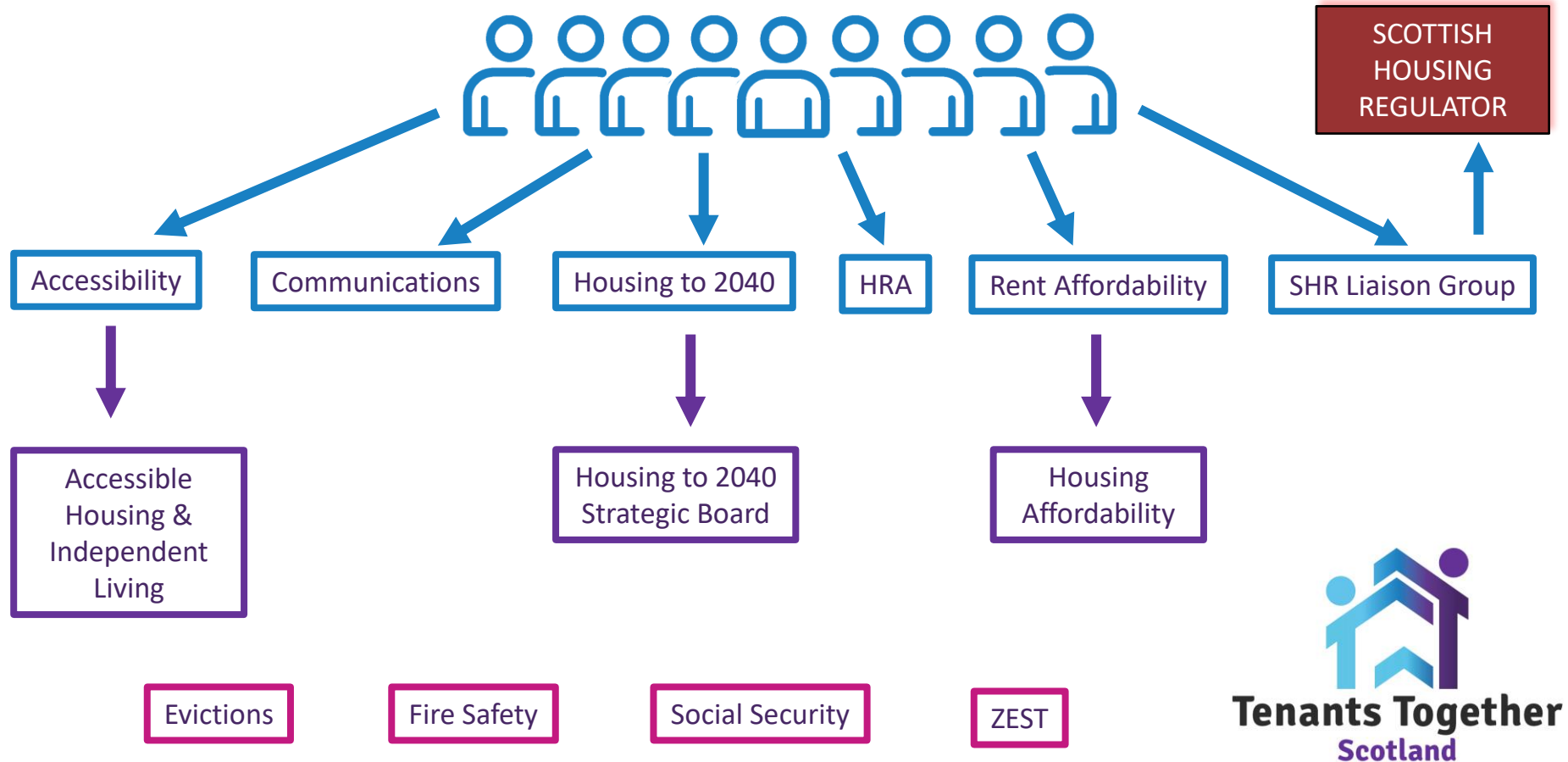
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Latest News



2 JUNE 2024

Tenants Together launches



2 MAY 2024

Housing Regulator sets out its



Membership

We are proud to promote a diverse and inclusive membership of individuals who are ambassadors for the work that we do and can speak to the impact that we have.

Membership is open to tenants and service



Events



Committee Meeting

15 Aug 24

In Person



Committee Meeting

2 Oct 24

Zoom Call

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Are you a Housing Association or Local Authority/Council?

Landlord name

Group name

Position

Do you wish to become a Member of Tenants Together? To find out what that means, click on [Getting Involved](#) To become a member, change below from Subscribers to Members

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Subscribers



Subscribers

Members

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In Summary

- › We are a national network of tenants
- › We are tenant led and tenant driven
- › We have tenants from all over Scotland
- › We are supported by Scottish Government Tenant Priorities Team
- › We need your support to get our message to your tenants.



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Refreshment break

Time to network and speak to your
exhibitors

