

## **Resident Academy for Quality Panel Members and Community Researchers**

We would like to invite you to a **TASTER DAY** for the next Resident Academy, on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

**Perth and Kinross Council** works in partnership with **Just Housing**, an independent training organisation, to run Resident Academies. These train you to be a Quality Panel Member or Community Researcher, and enable you to achieve the Chartered Institute of Housing Level 2 Certificate, which is a nationally recognised housing qualification.

- **Quality Panel Members** Carry out inspections of the services provided by the Council, to check standards and make recommendations for improvement
- **Community Researchers** gather information and research issues in their local community, to advise the Council on how to improve services and meet local needs more effectively
- Quality Panel Members and Community Researchers work in partnership with the Council, to improve quality of life for all residents
- They are unpaid volunteers (although expenses are reimbursed)

The Resident Academy runs over 7 group sessions, on Saturdays, with project tasks in between. You must be able to attend **all** of the group sessions, which are on:

17 March, 31 March, 14 April

28 April, 12 May, 26 May, 16 June

**This Taster Day** is a no obligation opportunity for you to find out more about the Resident Academy, and the Quality Panel Member and Community Researcher roles.

The Taster Day will:

1. Explain the role of Quality Panel Members and Community Researchers
2. Introduce you to Just Housing, and the Chartered Institute of Housing
3. Explain the Level 2 course, and what it would require from you
4. Give you an opportunity to ask questions, and receive advice and guidance
5. Help you decide whether the Resident Academy is right for you.

The Taster Day is on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2012, from 10am to 4pm. It is open to any resident of the Perth and Kinross Council area.

**The venue is:** The Salutation Hotel, South Street, Perth. Your travel expenses will be reimbursed, and lunch is provided.

**Then What?** If, at the end of the Taster Day, you are interested in participating in a Resident Academy, we will ask you to fill in an *Expression of Interest* form, which will be used to allocate places in the Academy.

Resident Academies are run regularly. If you cannot attend the Taster Day, or the course dates, but would be interested in future, please contact us to register your interest.

**For more information, or to book a place on the Taster Day, please contact:** Diana Finnie on 01738 476165 or email [tenantparticipation@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:tenantparticipation@pkc.gov.uk) by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February.