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## Achieving wider community regeneration outcomes through housing led approaches: SURF Awards Shared Learning Workshop – 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020

### Background

SURF and the Scottish Government work together to identify and highlight excellence and innovation in initiatives that address social and economic challenges in disadvantaged communities through the annual SURF Awards for Best Practice in Community Regeneration.

This **free half-day SURF Awards workshop event in the Storytelling Centre, Edinburgh on 2<sup>nd</sup> July** provides an opportunity to explore successful approaches to housing led regeneration initiatives providing wider community outcomes. The winning and highly commended projects from the 'Housing and Regeneration' category highlighted in the 2019 SURF Awards process will provide comment on their experiences and transferable learning.



(l-r): Glenurquhart Care Project, Fraser Avenue and Shawbridge Street

Workshop guests will firstly hear from a project representative from the 'Housing and Regeneration' category winner **Glenurquhart Care Project**. In 2015 GCP began the development of suitable housing and facilities in Drumnadrochit that would enable elderly people to remain in the community and be cared for locally. That resulted in 12 community owned houses that are accessible and adaptable to the individual needs of residents.

This will be followed by input from the 'Housing and Regeneration' highly commended Kingdom Housing **Fraser Avenue, Inverkeithing** project. The project aimed to demolish a failed housing estate in a deprived area of Fife, and replace it with an attractive new development featuring high quality, affordable homes.

Guests will then hear from the second of the 'Housing and Regeneration' highly commended projects, Wheatley Group's **Shawbridge Street, Pollokshaws** project. The project has delivered 42 affordable homes on a formerly vacant and derelict site, and created a new civic square in front of the historic Pollokshaws Parish Church.

The event will close with **Scottish Federation of Housing Associations** providing detail on their current priorities towards supporting the wider housing sector. Followed by a short input from private developer **Urban Union** looking at the role they play in housing development in partnership with local stakeholders.

The SURF Awards 'Housing and Regeneration' judging panel team – comprising representatives of Built Environment Forum Scotland, Scottish Government More Homes Division, Scottish Land Commission and Scottish Federation of Housing Associations – were particularly impressed by the level of community and tenant involvement in all three shortlisted developments.

This workshop will be delivered with support from the Scottish Federation of Housing Associations (SFHA).

## Programme

- 10:15am Welcome and Coffee
- 10:40am Introduction: **Andy Milne**, Chief Executive, SURF
- 10:50am Presentation, Fraser Avenue, Inverkeithing: **Julie Watson**, Kingdom Housing Association
- 11:00am Presentation, Shawbridge Street, Pollokshaws: **TBC**, Wheatley Group
- 11:10am Questions and Comments with representatives from Kingdom and Wheatley Group
- 11:30am Presentation, Glenurquart Care Project: **Anne MacDonald**, GCP
- 11:45am Questions and Comments with representatives from Glenurquart Care Project
- 11:55am Presentation, Scottish Federation of Housing Associations: **Stacey Dingwall**, SFHA
- 12:05am Presentation, A private sector perspective: **Neil Mckay**, **Urban Union**
- 12.15pm Open Discussion on National Policy
- 12:45pm Summary, Thanks and What's Next: **Andy Milne** and **Emma Scott**, Information, Communications & Events Officer, SURF
- 12:50pm Networking Lunch

## About the SURF Awards

Please visit [www.surf.scot](http://www.surf.scot) for more information on the SURF Awards and the outcomes of the 2019 process.

Check back the website or follow us on Twitter @SURFscot or Facebook – SURF for information on how to apply for the 2020 SURF Awards, which launch on Thursday 4th June and close for applications at 5pm on Monday 7th September.