

## LINKLIVING's MISSION STATEMENT

LinkLiving is a listening, responsive organisation

We work in partnership with people, providing a range of housing support and care services.

We value peoples' strengths and capabilities, helping them to live the lives they want.

## LINKLIVING's VALUES

To Challenge exclusion

To encourage people who have experienced exclusion to speak up for what they want.

To promote choice for people who have limited opportunities.

To deliver responsive, individual services.

To provide a range of housing and support options.

To work with each person to identify their goals and aspirations

To continue to develop a learning culture that encourages creativity, innovation and promotes personal development for everyone involved.

To ensure we provide effective, quality services, maximising resources and opportunities.

To encourage and empower people to be part of their local community and lead ordinary lives.

## LINKLIVING

Is committed to Service Users being actively involved in the management of the organisation, including staff recruitment and selection, representation on the Management Committee, Service User Conference and evaluations.

Our commitment is underpinned by the post of service user involvement co-ordinator

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**FALKIRK  
SERVICE**



**SMART  
MOVE**

## Smart Move

Smart Move is the Peer Education Service of The LinkLiving Falkirk Service, funded by Voluntary Action Fund and Falkirk Council. The service aims to raise awareness and provide information and advice on housing options to young people in the area. This is done by young volunteers who have had the experience of having their own tenancy and have the experience and knowledge of independent living.

The service works in partnership with other agencies in the area such as, housing, community education, mainstream education and other services that support young people. This builds on the joint working relationships the LinkLiving Falkirk Support Service already has with all of these agencies.

Through these relationships the Peer Education Co-ordinator identifies groups of young people who would benefit from and wants to make use of this service. There is currently no provision of this kind available to young people in the Falkirk area.

## The Volunteer Peer Educator

We recruit, train and support young volunteers age 16-25 who will bring with them a wealth of experiences of living on their own and setting up home for the first time. They have developed a programme of training that they can deliver to the target groups. This could be a one off workshop or a series of sessions looking at raising young peoples' awareness of housing issues, giving a reality check, learning new skills and look at the rights and responsibilities of having their own tenancy.

There are many benefits for the Peer Educators volunteering. It empowers them, giving them the confidence to deliver the knowledge and skills they have, and increases self-esteem. Young people learn new skills, and get a great sense of achievement in helping other young people who may find themselves in difficulties.

The Volunteer Peer Educator can take part in Youth Achievement Awards and MV Awards, which encourages them to take a more active role and have their achievements recognised by gaining national accreditation through the Awarding Body, ASDAN.

## Target Group

Our aim is for as many young people in the Falkirk area to have the knowledge to make informed choices about their future housing options and to learn the skills they need if they are to be successful in sustaining their tenancy.

Our target groups are therefore anywhere where young people gather, in secondary schools, in local community groups or in accommodation services for young people who have been or are at risk of being homeless.

Information provided by their peers is more creditable and therefore more likely to increase young peoples awareness of the challenges they face in starting to live on their own and where they can get support should they need it.



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