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Celebrating Community Champions 2018

The NFA photography competition recognises that strong images are a powerful medium for communications, and engage a wider audience than traditional methods of communication. Our photography competition and exhibition is used to promote positive images of social housing tenants and challenge the negative images often portrayed in the media.

This year's theme is **Celebrating Community Champions**. The purpose is to celebrate the positive work many of our tenants contribute within our communities – either as volunteers, working with local charities or support centres, or as a representative in more formal ways such as; school governments or charitable board members.

Photographs should capture the nature of their work and the benefit your Community Champion brings to your local community.

Following our exhibition on 3rd May 2018 we will also submit entries to the wider sector campaign 'Benefit to Society'.

The winning photograph should:

- **Portray a positive image of tenant/s in their 'community champion role'.**
- **Strongly challenge the negative perception of social housing tenants**
- **Be a captivating high-quality photograph**
All images must be of a sufficiently 'high resolution' to be enlarged to A3 size for exhibition.

Entering the awards

We welcome entries from all member ALMOs
ALMOs may submit multiple entries for this competition.

All entries should be emailed to info@almos.org.uk with the following information clearly shown:

1. **Name of tenant and ALMO**
2. **Explain what makes the subject stand out as a Community Champion? (max. 500 words).**
Include any interesting details or stories associated with the tenant and their achievements or successes.
3. **Details of who took the photograph**
For example; a professional photographer, family or staff member, or have tenants and residents submitted their own images. *(This is important for copyright issues if we exhibit or publish the image)*

The closing date for entries is 30 March 2018.

- Eligibility for entering the awards is that your organisation is a member of the NFA.
- All entries received will be acknowledged by e-mail within 2 working days. If you do not receive an acknowledgement, please contact the NFA on 024 7647 2729 to confirm receipt of your entry.
- Shortlisting will take place by independent housing and business professionals early April.
- Final votes for the winning photography will take place at the photography exhibition on the 3 May 2018.
- The NFA may use all images submitted to the competition in various materials. Entrants have asked to mark any sensitive parts of their entry as '*not for publication or distribution*' if necessary.

Judging and winners announcement

Shortlisted entries will be announced by the NFA and 24 Housing on **6 April 2018**.

The shortlisted images will be unveiled at the NFA photography exhibition and drinks reception on 3 May 2018 at Hyatt Regency Hotel, Birmingham.

All exhibition attendees will have opportunity to cast their vote for the winning image. The votes will be counted on the evening and the winner announced at dinner.

Securing your place at the exhibition and dinner

ALMOs who's photographs are shortlisted for the exhibition are encouraged to bring along their Community Champions to dinner to join in with the voting and celebrate the evening.

To secure your table at the event please complete the dinner booking form. The form can be downloaded here: [Booking form](#)

Alternatively, please contact **Alli Ward**, NFA Business Support Officer via alli.ward@almos.org.uk or on 02476 472729.

Please be aware that tickets for the last two years events **sold out** so please secure your places early if you wish to attend.