

Press release
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Hackney Homes Resident of the Year makes shortlist for national award

Resident of the year, Tony Osborne, who was celebrated for his hard work and selfless attitude, has been one of just three residents shortlisted for the National Federation of ALMOs Awards.

Designed to recognise and celebrate the hard work and achievements of ALMO tenants and resident groups, the awards honour the individuals and groups who do so much at ground level to improve the lives of their neighbours and the communities in which they live.

Tony single-handedly helped to transform a disused laundrette into a community hub for all sections of the community. He has also organised gardening club sessions outside the hall bringing together families from the estate and also when others wouldn't, opened the hall to youth groups who wanted to meet, practice and be in a safe environment and is currently in the final stages of opening a luncheon club for older estate residents allowing them to get out of the isolation of their homes and make new friends.

Rupert Tyson MBE, Chair of Hackney Homes Board said: "We are extremely proud of Tony for getting shortlisted for this award. His dedication to the community is commendable and his work is very much appreciated".

The winners will be announced at a ceremony held at the Midland Hotel in Manchester on 12 July as part of the NFA's annual two-day conference.

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Notes to Editors

- The award submissions were judged by an independent panel consisting of Alison Inman, Chair of the National Federation of ALMOs; Michael Gelling, Chair of *TAROE (Tenants and Residents Organisations of England)*; Michelle Reid, Chief Executive of *TPAS (Tenant Participation Advisory Service)*; and Stuart MacDonald, Editor of *Inside Housing* magazine.

