

A BIT ABOUT THE CENTRE...

Ayr Housing Aid Centre SCIO has been in existence for over 35 years. It was established following a conference on homelessness which was hosted by Shelter in 1986. The project is controlled by the Board consisting of representation from committed lay persons. Their role is to provide direction and oversee the work of the Centre.

Ayr Housing Aid Centre recruits Trustees with a commitment to providing services to those in Housing need. Our commitment also includes positively campaigning for changes and new legislative measures which would assist our Service Users. ***There can be no greater housing need than having no home!***

The Centre was originally staffed by a group of unpaid volunteers and was supported by the Local Authorities and Shelter. The Centre is contracted with South Ayrshire Council to provide Advice and Homeless Prevention Services to general population and specific services for identified groups.

The Centre has charitable status and seeks to generate income to support our work. We provide training on housing related matters and directly fundraise. We have a fundraising sub-committee who would welcome people with such experience onto the Board.

A major part of the Centre's work is to provide advice and representation to people who are homeless or who are threatened with homelessness. We also lobby Local and Central Government on homeless related matters. The Centre works closely with other Agencies.

The services we provide are innovative, preventative, proactive, participatory, and inclusive. These directly link to the overall ethos of the Centre to provide high quality services within South Ayrshire

Each of these services contribute to the Centre meeting its aims/objectives, our contractual obligations and the needs of our communities and service users.

Services currently are: -

1. Information, Advice and Advocacy
(including Prison Advice in HMP Kilmarnock, Barlinnie and Greenock as and when required)
2. Engagement Services (Tenure Sustainment & HEY)

The Centre will help anyone within South Ayrshire who is in housing need whether they are homeless, threatened with homelessness, living in bad conditions or any other housing related matter.

The Centre deals with many types of housing problems, these include: -

- Homelessness
- Tenancy Issues
- House Conditions
- Private Rented Sector
- Deposits Disputes
- Fuel Rights
- Housing Benefit
- Universal Credit
- Illegal Eviction
- Mobile Homes

If you require further information on the Centre, please visit our Website on:
www.ayrhousingaidcentre.com