

Welsh Apprentice Challenge 2016



Back by popular demand!

On 1/2 December 2016, Community Housing Cymru will welcome delegates, exhibitors and speakers to its Annual Conference in Cardiff's Principality Stadium.

Joining them for the second year running, will be 15 apprentices, competing in the Welsh Apprentice Challenge. The apprentices will be split into 3 teams. Throughout the conference, each team will work on a challenge with the help of a mentor from the sector.

Last year's apprentices were challenged to devise a campaign to encourage young people to 'Think career – think housing'. The winning team's idea is currently being drafted into a recruitment campaign for the sector.

The Welsh Apprentice Challenge was developed to inject a youth element into our Annual Conference and to showcase our members' excellent apprenticeship opportunities. We want to encourage investment in the next generation and this challenge has been designed to equip young people with new skills and knowledge which they can then transfer to their working environment.

This is your opportunity to show the sector how talented your apprentices are and how they've benefited from the schemes you've put in place.

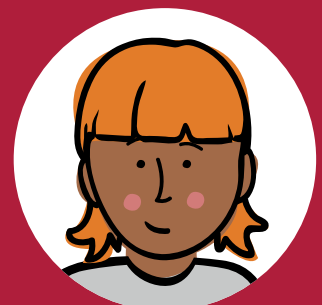
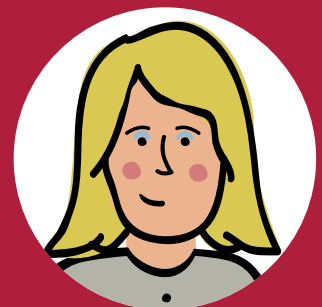
Apprentices will be required to give a team presentation on day two of the conference. The winning team will be decided and each apprentice will receive a certificate for taking part. The winning team will receive an award in recognition of their success.

The Welsh Apprentice Challenge created a real buzz at the conference last year and gave a voice to the sector's apprentices – we're hoping for even bigger and better things this year.

The closing date for your nominations is **27th October 2016**.

For further details and to submit your entry form, please contact **Borbala-Martos@chcymru.org.uk**

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Q. What is the selection process?

A. If the challenge is over-subscribed, we will draw names from a hat.

Q Can I volunteer an apprentice from a commercial organisation?

A. As long as the apprentice is working with your association in some capacity, then you can nominate them.

Q. What type of housing organisation apprentice can apply?

A. The challenge is designed so that any type of apprentice and apprenticeship is eligible to take part. We would like to see a variety of applicants from care and reception apprentices to joiners and plumbers.

Q. What stage and what age do apprentices have to be?

A. The challenge is open to all ages and any stage of apprenticeship.

Q. Can I volunteer two apprentices?

A. Yes, each organisation can nominate up to two apprentices. However, depending on demand, both places will not be guaranteed until the closing date.

Q. What does the challenge involve?

A. The apprentices will be put into teams of 5. A challenge will be presented to each team and will take place over the course of the two days of the conference. Each team will have a mentor from the sector and will also be advised by apprentices who took part in the 2015 challenge. The challenge in 2015 was to devise a campaign to encourage young people into a career in housing.

Q. What happens in the evening of the first day of the conference?

A. The apprentices are welcome to attend the evening entertainment and socialise together.

Q. Does the apprentice have to go to dinner and stay overnight at the conference venue?

A. Our after dinner speaker this year is Welsh Football manager Chris Coleman, so that might tempt interest!. If the apprentice does need to stay overnight, your organisation will need to cover the cost of their accommodation.

Q. How much does it cost?

A. There is no fee to take part. However, as mentioned above, the housing association will pay for its apprentice's(s') expenses and accommodation.

Q. Does the apprentice win a prize?

A. All apprentices will receive a certificate and the winning team will win an award.

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Entry Form

Housing Association:

Name

Address

Telephone

Email

N.B. This email address would be used as the main contact for all apprentice correspondence.

Recommended By:

Name

Job title

Apprentice Details:

Name

Age

Year started, type of apprenticeship and duties

Further Information:

Any other information you want to tell us about in support of the application?

The Event:

Any special requirements? i.e. access, food, etc.

Please Note:

If the challenge is over-subscribed, we will draw names from a hat. To enter, please complete the form(s) and email a copy to borbala-martos@chcymru.org.uk. Closing date for entries is **Thursday 27th October 2016**.