

Our sponsors



Supported Accommodation Workshop

Wednesday 17th February 2016

The half day seminar will include a look at the challenges faced by Local Authorities, Benefit Practitioners and Support Providers in relation to this particularly complex area of benefits administration. The workshop speakers are **Pauline Wass, Revenues & Benefits Manager at Knowsley M.B.C**, **Catherine Nicholson, Managing Director of Fortunatus Housing Solutions and former Benefits Operational Manager at St Helens Borough Council**, and **Malcolm Gardner, Co-Founder and Chief Executive of the Welfare Reform Club and a former Revenues & Benefits Manager**

At £50 per delegate the event offers excellent value for money; it will of course be delivered to the usual high standards of the Lancashire and Cheshire Association. **In addition the Association is continuing to offer members of the Institute a generous 50% Discount.**

The seminar is designed to examine how practitioners can work with service and support providers to ensure the best outcome for vulnerable residents and considers the application of discretion now and in the future. The morning will be particularly useful for:

- Anyone interested in the issues relating to Housing Benefit for residents in Supported Accommodation;
- Benefits staff responsible for Supported Accommodation claims

More information and the booking form can found at <http://irrvassociations.org.uk/page.php?Aid=3&Waid=28> or contact Assistant Treasurer Mike Harkins at mharkins@rundles.org.uk

All IRRV members are entitled to attend our Association Executive meetings, if you wish to come along; our next meeting is on the 8th February at 5pm at South Ribble BC's Offices. Just let our President, Peter Haywood phaywood@southribble.gov.uk know that you wish to come along (so that we can ensure you have a chair). Following the meeting a number of exec members go for a bit to eat you are welcome to join us.

| Your Association Events | | |
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| Event | Date | Venue |
| Branch Executive Meeting | Monday 8th February 2016 | South Ribble BC |
| Introduction to NNDR ***SOLD OUT*** | Tuesday 9th February 2016 | Preston Town Hall |
| Supported Accommodation Workshop | Wednesday 17th February 2016 | South Ribble BC |
| Annual Dinner Dance | Saturday 12th March | Mecure Haydock Hotel |
| Annual General Meeting | Friday 22nd April | Lancaster Castle |

If you have an event which you wish to publicise in future editions please contact michael.fisher@southlakeland.gov.uk



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Further information can be found on our Association's website:

<http://irrvassociations.org.uk/index.php?Aid=3> or www.irrv.net

Lancashire & Cheshire Annual Dinner Dance

Saturday 12th March 2016

The Annual Dinner Dance is again being held at the excellent

Mercure Haydock Hotel. Our flagship Black Tie event mixes great food and great company to make this a must attend evening. Discounted Room Rates available; details of this and further information including booking details & form can be found on the **Association Website** -

irrvassociations.org.uk/index.asp?Aid=3



Opportunities to Get Involved with your Local Association

We are always keen to see new members getting involved in the Institute and our Local Association. We are actively seeking new members. What are the benefits and what does getting involved mean?

The following list is not exhaustive

- Opportunities to attend National Conferences as representative of the Association
- Representing the Association at Meetings/other association events
- Increase your profile amongst fellow professionals and practitioners
- No barriers to making an active contribution
- Attendance at Executive Committee meetings up to 6 times a year including the AGM
- Contribution to the development of the Association's programme of events
- Contribution to email debate
- Opportunities to speak at Association Events
- Future progression to an Officer role in the Association

We are always seeking new ideas and new impetuous to our executive committee as this ensures that our seminars and events remain relevant to practitioners.

If you are interested in getting involved contact the Association Secretary, Adrian Webster: awebster@warrington.gov.uk

If you want any items included in future newsletters please contact

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