

Golden Gates Housing Trust press release

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Golden Gates Housing Trust Launch “Working Together” Awards for Local Community

Golden Gates Housing Trust (GGHT) are looking for nominations for their first ever Equality, Diversity and Inclusion awards. The “Working Together” awards look to reward the Trust’s tenants and partners who have made a positive difference over the past 12 months and will be presented at a ceremony in Warrington on 1 November 2011.

There are three categories for which tenants can be nominated for awards. These are the **Individual Achievement Award**, which looks to recognise an individual who has shown themselves to be open minded, who understands the principles of community and works with other tenants to remove barriers to inclusion; the **Community Champion Award**, for a tenant who has made a positive difference to their community; and the **Excellence in Equality and Diversity for an Involved Tenant Award**, which is for an involved tenant who has championed equality and diversity in their meetings.

Nominations for any of the individual categories can be made either by completing the nomination form at www.gght.org.uk, by email cam.kinsella@gght.org.uk or by phoning GGHT free on 0800 25 26 27. Entries should include the name of the person you wish to nominate, the category the nomination is for and details of why you are nominating them. The closing date for entries is Monday 10 October 2011.

GGHT’s Equality and Diversity Officer, Cam Kinsella said: “Over the past 12 months we have made real progress in improving equality and diversity across the Trust and this could not have been achieved without the efforts of our tenants and partners. I would like to encourage as many people as

possible to spend five minutes completing our form and give someone the recognition they deserve for doing a great job. ”

Chief Executive Peter Mercer, added: “As an organisation we are committed to celebrating diversity and eliminating discrimination. This event is a fantastic opportunity to recognise the hard work of our tenants and partners in removing barriers and making a positive difference for all sections of their community.”

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GGHT sponsored Warrington’s first ever Summer MELA event in 2011.



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About Golden Gates Housing Trust

Golden Gates Housing Trust (GGHT) launched on 29 November 2010, formed as part of the Stock Transfer of 8,700 homes from Warrington Borough Council. The transfer converted the successful Arms Length Management Organisation Golden Gates Housing into a registered provider of social housing.

GGHT will be investing around £105M in tenants' homes and neighbourhoods over the first 5 years and £530M over 30 years to deliver the "Warrington Standard". This Standard has been developed by GGHT's tenants to ensure that improvements and investment is prioritised in the areas that tenants have said are a priority. Plans include the installation of double glazing and secured front and rear doors in all properties over the next five years as well as environmental improvements such as fencing, gates and lighting.