

# Power to the People



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## What is the SRF and what is it's function? Page 3.



Sunderland Residents' Federation (SRF) is the City wide organisation that represents all local tenants and Residents' Associations. We work in partnership with Gentoo.



The meetings of the Federation are a supportive forum that brings together representatives from local Residents' Association and individual residents to share information, ideas, experiences to give residents a collective voice across the City.



We support and promote resident involvement both with the communities and Housing Services across Sunderland.



We work to increase awareness and information about public and community Services which may benefit tenants and residents.



We have a constitution that set out clearly how we work.



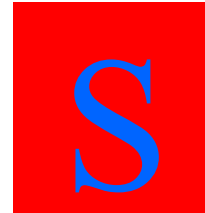
We are involved in the Sunderland Partnership as members of Sunderland Community Network.



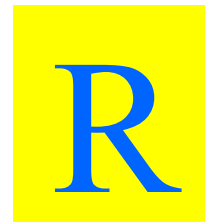
We are a member Organisation of the National Tenants Organisations.

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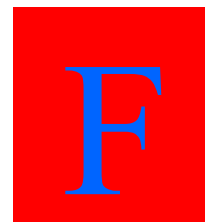
## Page 4. **The following illustration spells out how the SRF functions:**



Supporting Resident Associations  
Sharing Information  
Streamlining  
Setting Goals



Relating  
Representing your views and opinions  
Reaching out  
Reflecting Identity Problems



Focusing in  
Finding answers and solutions  
Feeding back  
Forming a Community Fellowship

## **When and where does the SRF Meet?**

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General Meetings are held every two months usually the first Tuesday of the following months from 10.30am—12.00 noon, January, March, May, July, September and November.

The venue for the meetings is the Pallion Action Group 5 East Moor Road, Pallion, Sunderland, SR4 6QW  
The Forum is a relaxed and friendly environment with everyone having an equal opportunity to participate. Tea and Coffee is available.

Guest speakers are regularly invited to give short presentations on a variety of community issues and resources.

The meetings are conducted along usual lines following an agenda resulting in agreed action plans.

An Annual General Meeting is held in May when members elect the following officers by ballot:  
Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Publicity and Events Officer, and up to six Executive Committee Members.

These elected personnel meet on a regular basis to manage the business of the Federation

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## **Who can I Contact for further information And how can I join?**

Membership of the Federation is open to all constituted Residents' Groups within the City of Sunderland and to Individual residents of Gento.

If you are part of a local Residents' Association or Group they should be able to give you more information.

Otherwise you can contact either Gento Customer Involvement Team on 0191 5255951 or website:

[www.gentoosunderland.com](http://www.gentoosunderland.com)

Or

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Remember we are only as strong  
As the people involved  
In the Organisation.

And the more people we get involved  
The stronger we are.

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Please Contact us via the website if you have any  
enquiries.