

*Take part in European NEIGHBOURS' DAY and celebrate
neighbourhoods and community cohesion*

What is NEIGHBOURS' day?

Created in 1999 in Paris as a reaction against loneliness, indifference and fear across cities and towns, Neighbours' Day aims to promote solidarity and foster community cohesion. Each year on the same day in May, events are held across Europe by cities, housing associations and local residents to enable citizens to get to know their neighbours better and play an active part in their local community.

In 2008, over 8 million people in 29 countries celebrated Neighbours' Day, now a European Commission's and European Parliament's endorsed event and even more are expected to participate next year on **Tuesday 26 May 2009**.

In England, over 60 housing associations marked the day, some in partnerships with cities such as Manchester, Liverpool and the London borough of Camden. Parties were held on the day or in the run-up to the day and included events such as free family days, residents' barbecues, neighbourhoods clean-up or arts & crafts workshops. Housing associations either arranged events for their residents or encouraged them to do so by making grants or party starter packs available to them. View www.housing.org.uk/europe or www.inbiz.org for examples.

Why should I take part?

Neighbours' day, in line with the Federation's ***IN business for neighbourhoods*** campaign, is an opportunity to promote community cohesion and foster relationships between residents, citizens, city officials, businesses and other stakeholders. It is also a great opportunity to engage positively with your local council and work with them to improve local neighbourhoods.

The Liverpool Housing Trust, took part in Neighbours' day 2008, arranging 13 community open days with partners that attracted over 1500 people as well as afternoon tea parties at sheltered schemes. Residents enjoyed the events which provided us with an opportunity to engage with them in some of our more difficult neighbourhoods. We were also able to raise the profile of our organisation. We will definitely take part again next year.'

Lynn Bundu, Director of Housing, Rodney Housing, part of LHT

What do I get for my subscription?

Upon registration, the European Federation of Local Solidarity provides its partners with the following support materials:

- Full use of the '**Neighbours' Day**' brand name;
- A **CD ROM** with all communication tools in **high definition format**, including the leaflet, invitation, postcard and poster (in different formats), all of which can be personalised with the logo and the name of the city or housing association;
- A dedicated **website and intranet** to know more about community practices in other countries;
- A **press kit** containing one **press file** and one **press release**;
- A **video** for your working sessions with your partners and residents to prepare the event;
- An **operational guide**, a **timetable** and tips to optimize the mobilization of the residents;
- Support and advice from the Association to help you implement the project at local level such as regular email reminders;
- Possibility to take part in European city web-cam projects;
- Possibility to liaise with other partners: organisation of a **seminar** for all European partners.

Costs

SPECIAL FEDERATION MEMBERS rate

Small (0-499 units of stock)	£100.-	<i>All prices inclusive of VAT</i>
Medium (500-4999 units of stock)	£200.-	
Large (5000+ units of stock)	£300.-	

SPECIAL OFFER! Get your council to register and receive a FREE registration for next year!

More information

- www.european-neighbours-day.com or contact@european-neighbours-day.eu for information on subscription rates.

www.housing.org.uk/neighboursday or contact Corine Meier at corinem@housing.org.uk for information on previous events held by housing associations and English cities as well as press support.

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REGISTRATION FORM 2009

Organisation	
Contact Name	
Job Title	
Department	
E-mail	
Tel	
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Press Contact Contact Name Mail	
Costs – please tick as appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/> small association, less than 500 units: £100.- <input type="checkbox"/> medium-sized, less than 5000 units: £200.- <input type="checkbox"/> large association, more than 5000 units: £300.-
NEW Get your local council on board	<p>Please send an application form to the following Council: Address:</p> <p>Email address: and I will get a FREE subscription for next year's neighbours' day</p>
Payment	<p>Please return your completed application to the address below. A bill with the appropriate amount will be sent to you in June.</p> <p>Once we have received your registration form, we will send you a support pack and will let the National Housing Federation know you are taking part in the event.</p>

<p><i>Stamp Date and signature</i></p>
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PLEASE SEND YOUR REGISTRATION FORM BY FAX OR POST TO:

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