SHARED LIVING

Our Referral Process: West Dunbartonshire

PRESENT TO HOUSING OPTIONS

An individual presents themselves with a housing issue to West Dunbartonshire Council's (WDC) Housing Options service and homelessness team. Shared Living will be discussed and explained as a housing option. If interested, WDC's team will complete a referral form - referrals must be as honest as possible with as much information as required included.

MEET OUR SHARED LIVING LINK WORKER

Our Shared Living Link worker will meet every referral to decide if Shared Living is the appropriate service for them. This mostly depends on their individual support needs.
If applicable, the referral will complete a baseline support assessment and sign a GDPR agreement.

MATCHING PROCESS

We work hard to match two individuals who have similar life aspirations and goals. Individuals are matched either through our Shared Living team or through our Smart Share App, where referrals can independently choose someone they would like to meet. Next, we meet together on a number of occasions to get to know each other. The final decision comes from each individual to determine if they are a match.

PRE-TENANCY SUPPORT

Our Shared Living Link worker creates a support plan in collaboration with each individual based on what they require to help thrive in their tenancy and community.
We also create a tenancy agreement in collaboration with the tenants to acknowledge and understand their boundaries while living together.

PARTNERSHIP APPROACH WDC

We link in with the Housing Options and the Casework team at WDC to enquire about any available 3apt (2 bedroom) tenancies in areas where both referrals have acknowledged they would like to live.

We continue to work in partnership with WDC's team until a tenancy is offered and secured.

SHARED LIVING TENANCY SUPPORT

Our Shared Living Link Worker provides around 3-5 hours support per week for each individual based on their baseline assessment and aspirations/goals. This support will stay in place for a minimum of six months to one year.