



TENANTS' FORUM CALENDAR

2022



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Message from our Tenant Engagement Officer

Welcome to the 2022 Choice tenant calendar! Our fantastic Editorial Team, made up of tenants and staff, work on a number of publications throughout the year, most notably Choice News and the calendar.

Connection is what our tenant groups do best and although we have been limited in our face-to-face engagement, we have continued to adapt, providing alternative support mechanisms to ensure tenants' voices are heard. In recent months we have been able to start moving forward with a number of meetings and events such as 'Community Information' days, 'planting workshops' and small-scale 'meet the neighbour' events.

We hope that you find the calendar useful with its look and format for 2022. There is lots of space to record those special dates and events – as well as, highlighting bank holidays and other important occasions. Also included is some information on the services Choice offer and the opportunities we provide for tenants to get involved!

2022 is an exciting time for our Community Development Team. With more resources and new team members, we are really looking forward to the opportunities we can create for our tenants and our communities. I look forward to using my experience to help us reach communities and work together to support and help each other.

If you would like to learn more about how you can get involved, visit our website choice-housing.org to view our Menu of Involvement which outlines the different levels of involvement you can choose that suits your lifestyle.

Anne McAllister

Tenant Engagement Officer

Choice Tenants' Forum Editorial Team:

Julita Boyle, Peter Irwin, Bill Jeffrey, Margaret McGuckin, Geraldine McKee, Rita Murray, Siobhan Rogan, Tracey Rooney, Sylvia Shaw, Claire Stelfox and James Watson.

If you're interested in joining our Tenant Involvement Programme please contact the Community Development Team on **0300 111 2211** or alternatively you can email us at enquiries@choice-housing.org



Needing
Help with
your money

0300 111 2211



Money Advice
for our Tenants

Give us a call and see how we can help you.

JANUARY 2022

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MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
31					1 New Year's Day	2
3 New Year's Day Holiday	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Burns Night (Scotland)	26	27	28	29	30

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Community fun day
at Clements Court in
Derry~Londonderry

FEBRUARY 2022

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MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1 Chinese New Year	2	3	4	5	6
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Mill Court tenants recycling aluminum cans to protect the environment and raise money for a local charity

MARCH 2022

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MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1 Shrove Tuesday	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Mother's Day Clocks go forward 1 hour
28	29	30	31			

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Be SCAM Aware

Scams are on the rise in Northern Ireland and have become more difficult to spot. It is important that you know the signs to look out for and take a wary approach when faced with a potential scam. Visit <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/campaigns/scamwiseni> for further information on scams and what to look out for!

APRIL 2022

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MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
				1	2 Ramadan Begins	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Good Friday	16	17
18 Easter Monday	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	


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May is National Walking Month! Walking has many health benefits including improving fitness, reduces depression and boosts immune function. Why not make an effort this month to get your steps up!

MAY 2022

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MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
30	31					1
2 Early May Bank Holiday	3 Eid al-Fitr	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29 

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TACKLING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR TOGETHER

To report all cases of ASB please contact the Services Centre on **0300 111 2211**, during normal office hours.

Out of normal working hours please contact Insec Security on **028 9020 0080**.

Insec Security
028 9020 0080

JUNE 2022

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MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
		1	2 Spring Bank Holiday	3 Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Father's Day
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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JULY 2022

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MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Battle of the Boyne	13	14	15	16	17
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AUGUST 2022



MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				
Summer Bank Holiday						

Lúnasa Août Augustus Rugpjūtis Sierpień Agosto Agosto Agoosto



Caramel Pear Blondies

Ingredients

250g unsalted butter, cubed,
plus extra for the tin
3 large eggs
275g light brown soft sugar
25g dark brown muscovado sugar
1 tsp vanilla bean paste
1 tsp fine sea salt
200g plain flour
1 tsp baking powder
100g dried pears, roughly chopped
100g dark chocolate, roughly chopped
3 tbsp caramel, from a can or jar



Recipe by Sharon
Leslie Tenants'
Forum Admin
Assistant

Method

Heat the oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Butter and line a 20 x 20cm square cake tin.

Melt the butter in a saucepan over a medium heat, swirling it around. Allow to bubble for a few minutes, or until it turns a light golden brown and smells biscuity. Remove from the heat and leave to cool a little.

Tip the eggs into a large mixing bowl and whisk together with the light and dark sugars until just combined. Whisk through the melted butter, vanilla and salt.

Gently fold through the flour, baking powder, dried pears and most of the chocolate chunks, being careful not to overmix (this will make the blondies dense).

Pour the mixture into the lined tin. Top with the remaining chocolate and dollops of the caramel. Put in the centre of the oven to bake for 40 mins, or until a skewer inserted comes out with sticky crumbs (it shouldn't be wet). Leave to cool completely in the tin. It will sink a little and the centre should be slightly squidgy. Cut into 12 squares.

Will keep in an airtight container for up to three days.

SEPTEMBER 2022

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MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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Save energy this Autumn



Use low energy lightbulbs and turn off unnecessary lighting (costs for lighting account for 10-20% of your electricity bill).



Only fill your kettle with the amount of water you need, making sure to cover the kettle element.

**ENERGY
SAVING
TIPS!**



Familiarise yourself with how to use any heating controls. Reducing your thermostat by just 1 degree could save you 10% on your heating bill.



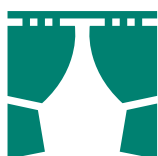
Use your washing machine and tumble dryer wisely (including any communal washing machines and tumble dryers if you live in a housing scheme where these are available).



Switch off appliances that are on standby.



Dry clothes outside in warmer weather.



Close your curtains at dusk to help keep heat in.

Further information and help is available by contacting the Northern Ireland Energy Advice Line on **0800 111 44 55**. You can also download Choice's Energy Saving Guide, visit: www.choice-housing.org/energy

OCTOBER 2022

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MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
31 Halloween					1	2
3	4	5 Yom Kippur	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Diwali	26	27	28	29	30 Clocks go back 1 hour

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Woodstock
Road
Belfast

NOVEMBER 2022

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MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1	2	3	4	5 Guy Fawkes Night (Bonfire Night)	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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WISHING YOU A MERRY

Christmas
& A PEACEFUL
New Year

DECEMBER 2022

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MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day
26 Boxing Day	27 Christmas Day Holiday	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	

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USEFUL NUMBERS

Belfast City Council

www.belfastcity.gov.uk
028 9032 0202

Department for Communities

www.communities-ni.gov.uk
028 9082 9000

Northern Ireland Federation of Housing Associations

www.nifha.org
028 9023 0446

Chartered Institute of Housing

www.cih.org
028 9077 8222

Department for Infrastructure

www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk
028 9054 0540

Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

www.daera-ni.gov.uk
0300 200 7852

Translink

www.translink.co.uk
028 9066 6630

ADVICE AGENCIES

Housing Rights

www.housingrights.org.uk
028 9024 5640

Citizen Advice Bureau

www.citizenadvice.org.uk
0300 123 3233
028 9023 1120

Equality Commission

www.equalityni.org
028 9050 0600

Ombudsman

www.nipso.org.uk
0800 233 821

Energy Saving Trust

www.energysavingtrust.org.uk
0800 111 4455

Age NI

www.ageuk.org.uk/northern-ireland
028 9024 5729

Law Society of Northern Ireland

www.lawsoc-ni.org
028 9023 1614

Housing Executive

www.nihe.gov.uk
0344 892 0900

Simon Community NI

25-27 Franklin Street
Belfast
County Antrim BT2 8DS
www.simoncommunity.org
028 9023 2882

Samaritans

5 Wellesley Avenue
Belfast BT9 6DG
0330 094 5717

De Paul

298 Antrim Road
Belfast BT15 5AA
028 9074 3668

UTILITY SERVICES

Budget Energy

www.budgetenergy.co.uk
0800 012 1177

Electric Ireland

www.electricireland.com
0800 056 9914

Click Energy

www.clickenergyni.com
0800 1 070732

Power NI

www.powerni.co.uk
0345 745 5455

SSE Airtricity

www.sseairtricity.com
0345 900 5253

SSE Airtricity (Natural Gas)

www.airtricitygasni.com
0345 900 5253

Firmus Energy

www.firmusenergy.co.uk
0330 0249 000

Phoenix Natural Gas

www.phoenixnaturalgas.com
0345 4 55 55 55

Northern Ireland Electricity Networks (NIE)

www.nienetworks.co.uk
03457 643 643

NI Water

www.niwater.com
0345 744 0088

EMERGENCY SERVICES

PSNI

www.psni.police.uk
999 or 101

Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service

Headquarters
1 Seymour Street, Lisburn
Co. Antrim, BT27 4SX
www.nifrs.org
028 9266 4221
In emergency 999

Northern Ireland Ambulance Service

Knockbracken Healthcare Park
Saintfield Road
Belfast BT8 8SG
www.nias.hscni.net
028 9040 0999
In emergency 999

HOSPITALS

Belfast City Hospital, Belfast

028 9032 9241

Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast

028 9024 0503

Ulster Hospital, Belfast

028 9048 4511

Mater Hospital, Belfast

028 9074 1211

Musgrave Park Hospital, Belfast

028 9090 2000

Lagan Valley Hospital, Lisburn

028 9266 5141

Altnagelvin Area Hospital, Co. Londonderry

028 7134 5171

Omagh Hospital and Primary Care Complex

028 8283 3100

Craigavon Area Hospital, Co. Armagh

028 3833 4444

Daisyhill Hospital, Co. Armagh

028 3083 5000

South West Acute Hospital, Co. Fermanagh

028 6638 2000

Causeway Hospital, Co. Londonderry

028 7032 7032



Find out the different ways you can get involved with Choice

Choice welcomes the views of tenants with regards to enhancing the services we provide. We are committed to ensuring that tenants are at the heart of service delivery and we believe that, by listening to and taking on board their views, we can ensure that policies and services are more responsive to changing needs and rising aspirations.

Why get involved?

Being involved with Choice will give you the chance to:

- Be active in shaping Choice's services
- Make your area a better place to live
- Give Choice your views on the services you receive
- Be part of a group to review and improve services
- Help Choice better understand the needs of tenants
- Gain useful skills
- Receive relevant training
- Meet new people

How do I get involved?

You can choose how to get involved by selecting the type and level of involvement that suits your lifestyle.

If you would like more information on how you can get involved, please contact our Community Development Team on **0300 111 2211**, or alternatively you can email us at **enquiries@choice-housing.org**

Download our Menu of Involvement at:
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