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**NATIONAL TOWER
BLOCKS NETWORK**

**FIRE
SAFETY**

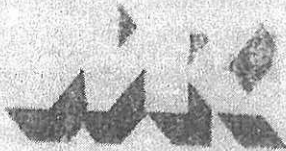
**INFORMATION
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Community
LINKS
National Tower
Blocks Network

THE NATIONAL TOWER BLOCKS NETWORK is composed of individuals and organisations concerned to improve the quality of life in Britain's tower block homes. The Network was established in 1984 to gather and share information about the social and structural problems of tower blocks and to promote solutions to these problems. It is a Community Links project.

Community Links is an independent social action centre in East London and a Training and Development Unit in Sheffield. It was formed by local volunteers in 1977 to work practically on the problems that concern them. Our work with children is principally aimed at those who are 'at risk'. We provide constructive activities for all age groups including after school clubs, a toy library, playschemes, holidays and a range of unique groups for young people. Our work with adults includes a wide variety of advice sessions, some on a bus and all run by trained volunteers. From this work a variety of active self help groups have developed. These have included Action and Rights (for people with disabilities), the Pensioners Club, the Asian Women's Group and various housing campaigns. Our national work has developed from the success of these local activities. The National Tower Blocks Network and Action Match (which promotes the commercial sponsorship of community activity) seek to effectively share local experiences and thus encourage the development of good practice and inform policy at a national level. The Training and Development Unit was established in 1988 to coordinate this national perspective and to promote and develop new initiatives, particularly through a training and publications programme.

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