

Case Study: The Housing Project - Mediation Clinic



Strathclyde University Mediation Clinic, a charity that provides a free mediation service in the West of Scotland, submitted an application for funding for The Housing Project – an initiative that aims to help landlords and tenants resolve disputes amicably, efficiently and fairly.

The Mediation Clinic is in keeping with Strathclyde University’s commitment to be “the place of useful learning”. The clinic’s director, Charlie Irvine, aims to promote peaceful dispute resolution and provide an educational service for law students to gain practical experience in mediation.

The SafeDeposits Scotland Trust awarded £20,200 to The Housing Project, which has been built on the Mediation Clinic’s experience and expertise, providing mediation services for private rented housing in Scotland.

The Trust’s funding will support the initiative for its first year and will be used to kick-start the development of a Centre of Excellence for Alternative Dispute Resolution in Housing.

The project will increase public awareness of the benefits of mediation for landlord-tenant disputes within the PRS and encourage the uptake of mediation. The Housing Project meets the objectives of the trust, providing support to landlords, agents and tenants in the West of Scotland, with an aim to provide support Scotland-wide.