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Acis shortlisted for award

Lincolnshire based housing association Acis Group is hoping to lift a prestigious housing sector award. Acis, who own and manage over 5,000 homes across Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and South Yorkshire, have been shortlisted for the National Housing Federation's *What We Are Proud Of Awards* in the East Midlands region.

The awards identify and showcase the schemes and initiatives that housing associations are most proud of, with Acis submitting an entry for their Park Springs Community Centre Partnership project in Gainsborough.

The partnership is a dynamic approach in responding to disadvantage amongst the local community in terms of high unemployment levels and low skill sets. The project includes a learning centre which was jointly funded by Acis, CG Partnership, West Lindsey District Council and the Learning Communities Project. Community engagement activities and adult learning opportunities have been created in an environment people feel safe and confident in.

Acis Community Cohesion Manager Rachel Wood said:

"The partnership's aim was to maximise the use and value of the community centre and create a vibrant hub with other local groups and organisations, notably the local authority and learning providers. It highlights the commitment to changing the lives of tenants and improving communities through innovative joint working in deprived wards. To be recognised with this nomination is a fantastic achievement and testament to all the hard work involved."

Acis are one of only three shortlisted organisations for the East Midlands region and will learn the result at the regional awards in June. The regional winner will

then go forward to the national judging in September at the National Housing Federation's annual conference.