



**Grenfell Tower 2017**

**WE NEED YOU!!  
CAN YOU HELP?**

**Forth Valley Local Resilience  
Partnership**



**Glasgow Bin Lorry Crash 2014**

**Forth Valley  
Incident Assistance  
Team  
(IAT)**

**INVITATION**



**Manchester Arena Bombing 2017**



**Beast from the East 2018**

## Background

The Incident Assistance Team (IAT) was originally set up in 1986. Members were drawn from across Council Services to provide support to the multi-agency resilience partnership and assist those affected by an incident or emergency impacting on our local community.

## Forth Valley Incident Assistance Team

Following Scottish Government guidance, we are currently recruiting new members to join the Forth Valley Incident Assistance Team. This team would assist the public at times of greatest need in a coordinated manner.

Training sessions will be provided across the three council areas allowing your existing skills to be recognised and, at the same time, provide the opportunity to learn new skills required for incident response.

There will be further opportunities to train with voluntary organisations and statutory organisations such as Police Scotland, Forth Valley NHS, Community Resilience Groups and Faith Groups in areas such as:

- Reception Centres
- Personal Support
- Practical Support

## Co-ordination and Planning

Resilience Officers within each Local Authority will have responsibility for management; training and deployment of the IAT.

## Training

In addition to the in-house training, members will have access to external specialist training covering topics such as psychological first aid, understanding traumatic stress and coping with grief as well as looking after ourselves during and after response to an incident.

Training is of a high standard, some of which is accredited. There is an expectation that team members will attend at least 2 events per year usually taking place locally during office hours and lasting between 2-3 hrs.

## We need you!

Being part of the Incident Assistance Team is a serious commitment. The hope is that the team will never be operational, but we do need to be prepared. Much of the training can be beneficial in day to day life e.g. ***recognising the warning signs of excessive stress in yourself and others.***

The team provides individual members the opportunity to develop new skills and access training in interesting and innovative fields.

We need team members from a variety of backgrounds bringing a range of professional, practical and administrative skills.

Essential to all is the ability to work together under pressure and be responsive and flexible providing assistance to those affected directly and indirectly.

**INTERESTED? – Please complete the attached Application Form and send it to your appropriate Local Authority representative:**

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