



# International Union of Tenants

## Association Internationale des Locataires

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To all IUT members

### **INTERNATIONAL TENANTS DAY 2016**

**October 3**

#### **Theme: Is control of rents outdated, or a necessity - worldwide?**

The International Tenants Day (ITD) 2016 together with the IUT congress, October 14-16 in Glasgow, highlights the necessity of regulated rents.

The regulation of rents has many names in different parts of the world; rent control, rent regulation, rent stabilisation, rent certainty, etc. But in reality, they all mean basically the same:

The real goal of rent regulation is protecting the moral rights of occupancy. Long-term tenants who contributed to their homes being a desirable place to live have a legitimate interest in staying there.

Rent regulation is a response to the power imbalance between landlords and tenants, which creates an opportunity for landlords to exploit tenants that certainly exists in tight housing markets.

One of the most important benefits of rent regulation is that organizers can go and form tenant associations and have tenants to collectively take actions against landlords who arbitrarily increase rents, who send out illegal eviction notices, or who do not deal with leaks, mould or other insanitary conditions.

Today, rents are regulated, also in the private rental sector, totally or in part, in countries and cities like the Netherlands, Sweden, Germany, Paris, Denmark, Austria, New York and San Francisco.

IUT and its members would like to see more countries and cities added to this list!

With best wishes from

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