

### **ETF Learning Session: Tenant Participation – Back to Basics, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018, 5.30pm-9.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road**

'Tenant Participation' is not a new phrase. Since the Housing Act 2001, it has been a legal responsibility of all social landlords. But having the confidence to know your rights and use them does not always come from reading a law book; it comes with practice. ETF is holding a half day learning session on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018, 5.30pm-9.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road**. This workshop is built to take you through what tenant participation in practice means so you can leave with confidence about its basic principles as well as your rights and your landlord's responsibilities. For bookings contact the Federation Office on 0131 475 2509, email [info@edinburghtenants.org.uk](mailto:info@edinburghtenants.org.uk) or book online at [www.edinburghtenants.org.uk](http://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk). Housing Association tenants are required to pay a nominal fee, please contact your landlord before booking a place. **Places must be booked in advance.**

### **Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness Consultation**

Are you concerned about isolation and loneliness? If so, the Scottish Government wants to hear your views. Social isolation and loneliness can affect anyone at any stage in their life. There is an increasing recognition that it is a public health issue that can significantly effect a person's physical and mental health. We, at ETF are aware that this is an issue that has been raised with our members and within their communities, that's why we would like to put a response to the consultation. We need your help to shape this! ETF will be holding a session on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018, 1.00pm-5.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road, Edinburgh EH7 5QY** where you will hear about the consultation and form the response. To book a place or find out more please contact Justine Bradd, Housing Rights Development Worker / Outreach Worker on 0131 475 2509 or email [justine@edinburghtenants.org.uk](mailto:justine@edinburghtenants.org.uk). You can book a place online at [www.edinburghtenants.org.uk](http://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk). You can view the consultation via <https://consult.gov.scot/equality-unit/connected-scotland/>. **Places must be booked in advance.**

### **ETF Learning Session: Finding Your Voice, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018, 6.00pm-9.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road**

Anyone can learn public speaking, even if you've never done it before. But can you find your inner voice so that you present your views with presence and confidence, free of fear of what might do wrong? ETF is holding a half day learning session on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018, 6.00pm-9.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road**. This short informal taster session will help you find your voice! Learn practical tips and tricks to help unlock the fear of speaking out. In just a few hours you'll be talking in public for a minute with confidence. For bookings contact the Federation Office on 0131 475 2509, email [info@edinburghtenants.org.uk](mailto:info@edinburghtenants.org.uk) or book online at [www.edinburghtenants.org.uk](http://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk). Housing Association tenants are required to pay a nominal fee, please contact your landlord before booking a place. **Places must be booked in advance.**

### **Social Security Scotland Consultation**

Six months on from our first event about Social Security in Scotland, ETF is delighted to be hosting another session for tenants and residents in Edinburgh in partnership with the Scottish Government. The session will take place on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018, 5.30pm-8.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road**. This informal and interactive session will focus on:

- Progress on the Social Security (Scotland) Bill;

- How dignity and respect is being designed at the heart of the new Scottish Social Security Agency.

The new social security system in Scotland will have dignity and respect at its heart. Find out from Miriam Craven at the team in the Scottish Government responsible for setting up the new Social Security Agency what this means in practice and get involved in checking whether tenants' aspirations from six months ago are being met. To book a place or find out more please contact Clare MacGillivray, ETF Development Co-ordinator on 0131 475 2509 or email

[clare@edinburghtenants.org.uk](mailto:clare@edinburghtenants.org.uk). You can book a place online at [www.edinburghtenants.org.uk](http://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk).

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### **ETF Learning Session: Balancing the Books, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018, 9.30am-3.30pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road**

Has the thought of your groups' finances got your head in a spin and you're not sure how to keep your group's accounts? ETF is holding a one day learning session on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018, 9.30am-3.30pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road**. You'll find out about good record keeping and how to lay out your group's finance statements. It's not just for Treasurer's though – it's everyone's responsibility to know about their group's finance, this course comes highly recommended by previous participants. (Lunch will be provided at this session). For bookings contact the Federation Office on 0131 475 2509, email [info@edinburghtenants.org.uk](mailto:info@edinburghtenants.org.uk) or book online at [www.edinburghtenants.org.uk](http://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk). Housing Association tenants are required to pay a nominal fee, please contact your landlord before booking a place. **Places must be booked in advance.**

### **Advance notice - Federation Meeting, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018, 7.00pm-9.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road**

The next Federation Meeting will take place on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018, 7.00pm-9.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road**. The topic for the meeting has still to be confirmed. Members will also have the chance to hear what ETF has done over the past few months as we discuss our quarterly Progress Report. Details on how to book a place will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

### **ETF Learning Session: Consensus Decision Making, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018, 2.00pm-5.30pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road**

Conflict happens. And sometimes it strikes whilst important group decisions need to be made. But how can we work through it? How can we prevent communication break-down and instead make disagreement an opportunity for learning? ETF is holding a half day learning session on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018, 2.00pm-5.30pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road**. Come to this workshop and learn how to work through conflict, tackle difficult communication situations and work together to make decisions effectively. For bookings contact the Federation Office on 0131 475 2509, email [info@edinburghtenants.org.uk](mailto:info@edinburghtenants.org.uk) or book online at [www.edinburghtenants.org.uk](http://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk). Housing Association tenants are required to pay a nominal fee, please contact your landlord before booking a place. **Places must be booked in advance.**

### **ETF Blog**

Are you a tenant, work in housing, interested in community development or just plain passionate about where you live, then why not become one of our guest bloggers? To acknowledge the hard work and effort the Gateside Tenants and Residents Association (GTRA) and their contributors have achieved, their chairman Paul Vaughan has contributed a blog all about it. To read all about it please visit our website [www.edinburghtenants.org.uk](http://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk) and if you wish to contribute your own blog please contact us via email [info@edinburghtenants.org.uk](mailto:info@edinburghtenants.org.uk) or phone 0131 475 2509. Some useful hints and tips for writing blogs can be found at <http://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk/draft-blog/>.

## The OneCity Trust – Grant Programme Applications

The OneCity Trust is pleased to announce that its main grant programme is now open for applications. Registered charities and constituted groups based in Edinburgh and focussing their work in the city. Ideally with an annual income of less than £200,000, are invited to apply for funding for equality and social inclusion projects meeting one or more of the following priorities Community Connectedness, Cultural Bridging and Civic Inclusion.

Applications for this funding will be considered from organisations that involve City of Edinburgh Council tenants or from other organisations aiming to benefit geographical areas with a high proportion of Council homes. Overall, the Trust intends to make up to 15 grants, of between £5,000 and £10,000. For further information and to request an application form, please see [www.onecity.org.uk](http://www.onecity.org.uk), or alternatively, please telephone Elaine McCafferty on 0131 469 3856 or e-mail [1819applications@onecity.org.uk](mailto:1819applications@onecity.org.uk). Please note that the Trust is supported by the council on a part-time basis. **The deadline for applications is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018**, and projects should commence on 2nd July 2018 and run for up to one year. Please note one off projects will also be considered. A condition of this funding agreement will be the promotion, media and photographic opportunities organised with the OneCity Trust, at any time throughout the period of the fund. You must also acknowledge the source of your funding at every opportunity, e.g. logos on websites, promotional materials, etc.

## ETF Briefing Papers

ETF has recently produced two briefing papers. The first paper is the response from Edinburgh Tenants Federation to the call for evidence from the Equality and Human Rights Committee about how the Scottish Parliament could embed equality and human rights issues better into the way Parliament works. The second paper is ETF's response to the Regulation of Social Housing in Scotland. If you would like a copy of either paper, please phone the Federation Office on 0131 475 2509 or email [info@edinburghtenants.org.uk](mailto:info@edinburghtenants.org.uk). Both papers can be downloaded at the Federation's website at [www.edinburghtenants.org.uk](http://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk).

### Diary Dates

#### April 2018

10 <sup>th</sup> April	ETF Learning Session: Tenant Participation: Back to Basics Training, 5.30pm – 9.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road
12 <sup>th</sup> April	Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness Consultation, 1.00pm-5.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Public Holiday – Office Closed
20 <sup>th</sup> April	Deadline for OneCity Trust Grant Applications
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	ETF Learning Session: Public Speaking: Finding Your Voice Training, 6.00pm – 9.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road

#### May 2018

2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Social Security Scotland Consultation, 5.30pm-8.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Public Holiday – Office Closed
12 <sup>th</sup> May	ETF Learning Session: Balancing the Books, 9.30am – 3.30pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Federation Meeting 7.00pm – 9.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Public Holiday – Office Closed
24 <sup>th</sup> May	ETF Learning Session: Consensus Decision Making: Mediating Group Conflict, 2.00pm – 5.30pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road.