

We need your feedback! Annual Surveys

Member Groups and individuals who have attended an ETF event in the last year will have received a survey asking for your (or your group's) views on how ETF has performed over the last twelve months. The survey and your feedback is very important to ETF because it helps us to plan the future work of your Federation. The Federation's work is funded by the City of Edinburgh Council through a Service Level Agreement and ETF is obliged to seek the views of our service users on an annual basis as part of a monitoring and evaluation exercise. We would be grateful if you could spend a few minutes filling it in and returning it to us using the supplied Freepost envelope or complete online via our website at www.edinburghtenants.org.uk no later than **Friday 16th March 2018**.

Tenants Voice: Call for Articles

The deadline for material for the next issue has been extended to **Monday 5th February 2018**, so if there's anything you'd like to say, please speak up! Articles and letters for publication should be sent to the Federation office at **Norton Park, 57 Albion Road, Edinburgh EH7 5QY**, or emailed to info@edinburghtenants.org.uk. Alternatively, give the Federation office a call on 0131 475 2509 if you'd like help to pull an article together.

ETF High Flats Meeting, Monday 26th February 2018, 7.00pm-9.00pm, Birnies Court, Muirhouse View

The next ETF High Flats Meeting will take place on **Monday 26th February 2018, 7.00pm - 9.00pm in Birnies Court, Muirhouse View**. The guest speaker will be Mark Matthews, Health, Safety and Training Advisor, City of Edinburgh Council who will be giving a talk on the steps the Council is taking to address asbestos in high rise flats across Edinburgh. There will also be an opportunity to give an update on what is happening in your area. To book a place, contact the Federation office on 0131 475 2509, email info@edinburghtenants.org.uk or book online at www.edinburghtenants.org.uk.

ETF Repairs Meeting, Wednesday 7th March 2018, 7.00pm-9.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road

The next meeting of ETF Repairs Group will take place on **Wednesday 7th March 2018, 7.00pm-9.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road**. The guest speaker will be Michelle Moore, Team Leader, Repairs Direct, City of Edinburgh Council who will be giving a talk on the steps the Council is taking to address the issues that were raised at the last ETF Repairs Group meeting. There will also be an opportunity to give an update on what is happening in your area. To book a place, contact the Federation office on 0131 475 2509, email info@edinburghtenants.org.uk or book online at www.edinburghtenants.org.uk.

Regulation of Social Housing in Scotland Consultation

The Scottish Housing Regulator has launched a consultation paper about how best to use the new regulatory framework for social housing in Scotland. ETF will be holding an event for tenants on **Tuesday 13th March 2018, 6.00pm-9.00pm, Norton Park, 57 Albion Road**. For bookings contact the Federation Office on 0131 475 2509, email info@edinburghtenants.org.uk or book online at www.edinburghtenants.org.uk. The consultation runs to **Friday 30th March 2018**. If you wish to find out more about the consultation please contact the Scottish Housing Regulator on 0141 242 5642 or email Discussion@scottishhousingregulator.gsi.gov.uk.

Inspiring Volunteer Achievement Awards 2018: Nominations Now Open

Is there an individual or even a group within your organisation that deserves an Inspiring Volunteer Award? If so, then why not consider nominating them for the 2017 Lord Provost's Inspiring Volunteer Achievement Award. Nominations are now invited for this year's awards and can be submitted online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8KSRZTD>. Alternatively you can download the application form at <http://www.volunteeredinburgh.org.uk/home>. There is also an award for Housing/Tenant Participation Champion, so if you can think of someone who deserves this award then why not nominate them? Organisations are able to nominate up to three individual volunteers and one team of volunteers. All nominated volunteers will receive a certificate either in person at the City Chambers or in the post. Nominations will close on **Sunday 18 March 2018 at 10.00pm**. For more information please contact Tyler Norrie at Volunteer Edinburgh by calling 0131 225 0630 or email events@volunteeredinburgh.org.uk.

Website Polls

As part of our review of ETF's website, we will shortly be introducing polls on a variety of subjects connected to housing. So if you think of any possible questions or topics that you would like to see included, please contact the Federation offices on 0131 475 2509 or email craig.burns@edinburghtenants.org.uk.

Training Programme: Save the dates

We are delighted to announce a new training programme for 2018, full details are still being finalised but please save the dates.

There may be other training session popping up so keep an eye out for future publicity. More details on each of these sessions will be available with the March edition of *Federation Matters* so please have a look for it. And remember, get signed up as soon as you can, spaces are limited and will fill up quickly.

Diary Dates

February 2018

6th February	Finance & Resources Committee Deputation Planning, 12.00pm – 2.00pm, Simpson Room, Norton Park, 57 Albion Road
8th February	Finance and Resources Committee, 10.00am, City Chambers
19th February	Full Council Deputation Planning, 1.00pm-3.30pm, Norton Park
22nd February	Full Council Meeting, 10.00am, City Chambers Royal Mile
26th February	ETF High Flats Group Meeting, 7.00pm-9.00pm, Birnies Court, Muirhouse View

March 2018

7th March	ETF Repairs Group Meeting, 7.00pm-9.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road
13th March	Regulation of Social Housing in Scotland Consultation, 6.00pm-9.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road
26th March	Tenant Participation: Back to Basics Learning Session, time and venue to be confirmed.

April 2018

23 rd April	Public Speaking: Finding Your Voice, time and venue to be confirmed
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May 2018

12 th May	Finance Training, time and venue to be confirmed
24 th May	Consensus Decision Making, time and venue to be confirmed