

Federation Matters

January 2018

A very Happy New Year to you and best wishes for 2018 from everyone at ETF.

Sleep in the Park Success

Our very own Betty Stevenson, Clare MacGillivray and former EC member Sheila Rutherford-McCallum camped out with thousands of others to raise awareness and funding for the homeless of Scotland at the Social Bite 'Sleep in the Park' event. Through all the amazing support from those who donated we are happy to announce that Team ETF had raised our target of £700. Thanks again to all who donated, you helped to make a difference. The total raised at the event was over £4million.

Website & Communications Discussion, Thursday 18th January 2018, 3.00pm-5.00pm, Training Suite, Norton Park Conference Centre, EH7 5QY

ETF is re-scheduling our Website and Communications Discussion that was initially planned to have been held at the end of November. The discussion will take place on **Thursday 18th January 2018, 3.00pm-5.00pm, Training Suite, Norton Park Conference Centre**. We want to hear member's viewpoints and ideas to hopefully develop and update our website and make it feel a bit more vibrant and accessible. If you would like to attend or find out more then please contact Mark Henry by email mark@edinburghtenants.org.uk or phone via 0131 475 2509. You can book online at www.edinburghtenants.org.uk.

Federation Meeting and Burns Supper – About ETF becoming a SCIO, Wednesday 31st January 2018, 7pm Victoria Park Hotel, 221 Ferry Road, Edinburgh, EH6 4NN

ETF will be holding a Federation Meeting followed by a Burns Supper on **Wednesday 31st January 2018, 7.00pm, Victoria Park Hotel, 221 Ferry Road**. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on ETF becoming a SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation). Ordinary ETF members will be allowed to vote on the proposals. The meeting will be followed by a 'Burns Night' supper with a themed quiz to celebrate the occasion. You can book a place or find out more about the meeting by phoning the Federation office on 0131 475 2509, email info@edinburghtenants.org.uk or book online at www.edinburghtenants.org.uk. **Places must be booked in advance by Wednesday 24th January 2018.**

Tenants Voice: Call for Articles

All groups will shortly be receiving a copy of the latest edition of *Tenants Voice*. The deadline for material for the next issue is **Monday 29th January 2018**, so if there's anything you'd like to say, please speak up! Articles and letters for publication should be sent into 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 Spring Training Programme: Coming Soon

ETF is hoping to arrange a Spring Training Programme over the next couple of months. The dates, topics and venues have still to be confirmed but we hope to have the Spring Training Programme confirmed as soon as possible. Watch this space for further details.

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? This month's blog comes from Betty Stevenson, Convenor of ETF who gives her thoughts on the Scotland Policy Conference: Responding to Local Housing You can read Betty's blog at <http://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk/category/guest-bloggers/>. If you're interested in contributing a blog or would like more information, please contact the Federation office on 0131 475 2509 or email info@edinburghtenants.org.uk. Some useful hints and tips for writing blogs can be found at <http://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk/draft-blog/>.

Advanced Notice - We need your feedback! Annual Surveys

Member Groups and individuals who have attended an ETF event in the last year will soon receive 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 and we have a duty to share your views with our funders. 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. When you receive the survey, 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. Watch this space for further details.

Help to get 'oot the hoose' with LOOPS

As we get older, the risk of social isolation becomes greater, which can also affect our mental and physical health. LOOPS (Local Opportunities for Older People) was set up to combat this. We run a city-wide phone line which helps over 65s to get out the house, meet like-minded people and enjoy everything Edinburgh has to offer. Over 65s, their families, friends and healthcare professionals can call **0131 603 8311**, for free, to speak to a friendly LOOPS advisor about clubs and activities in their local area. Tailored to your individual requirements and interests, LOOPS has already connected over 600 older people to laughter, fun and friendships.

Diary Dates

Here are the dates of upcoming events that may be of interest to you. Please pass them onto other members of your organisation.

January/February 2018

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| 18 th January | Planning for Rent Deputations, 9:30am – 11:30am, Simpson Room, Norton Park Conference Centre, EH7 5QY |
| 18 th January | Website & Communications Discussion, 3pm - 5pm, Training Suite, Norton Park Conference Centre, EH7 5QY |
| 22 nd January | F&R Committee Deputation Planning, 12:30pm – 4pm |
| 31 st January | Federation Meeting & Burns Night Supper, 7pm, Victoria Park Hotel, 221 Ferry Road, Edinburgh, EH6 4NN. Places must be booked in advance by Wednesday 24th January 2018 |
| 6 th February | Rent Deputation Planning, 12pm – 2pm, Simpson Room, Norton Park Conference Centre, EH7 5QY |
| 8 th February | Council Budget Meeting Deputation, 10am |
| 26 th February | High Flats Group Meeting, 7pm – 9pm. |

Contact the Federation office on 0131 475 2509 for more information. Don't forget that Federation Matters and other Federation publications can be downloaded from our website at www.edinburghtenants.org.uk. That's all for this month - do get in touch if you need any more information from us about anything mentioned here.



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