

Federation Matters June 2017

ETF Annual General Meeting, Friday 16th June 2017, 7.00pm-11.00pm, Boroughmuir Rugby Club, 2 Meggatland Wynd

ETF's AGM is the highlight of the year and you can't afford to miss out. The AGM will take place on the evening of **Friday 16th June 2017, 7.00pm-11.00pm, Boroughmuir Rugby Club, 2 Meggatland Wynd**. The AGM will have a different format from previous years. After the AGM is concluded, Paul Lawrence, Executive Director, Place, City of Edinburgh Council will be on hand to present certificates to some of our volunteers and this will be followed by **Shakti Theatre Company presenting Dancing in Freedom**, a powerful exploration of gender based violence. This is a great opportunity to network with other tenants/member groups and celebrate the successes of ETF throughout the year. All members and their friends and partners are warmly invited to attend. Bookings should be made by **Friday 9th June 2017** by email to info@edinburghtenants.org.uk, by phone on 0131 475 2509 or online at www.edinburghtenants.org.uk.

Update from May Federation Meeting

Thank you to all our members, associate members and individuals who attended our Federation meeting in May. There were lots of interesting discussions and contributions about the draft constitution and proposed transfer to Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). The Federation's Executive Committee have decided not to take a motion to ETF's Annual General Meeting (AGM) in June regarding the vote to become a SCIO, but will continue to do work behind the scenes on ETF's constitution. Watch this space for further details.

UK Volunteer Week 2017

The week beginning Monday 1st June 2017 is UK Volunteer Week, where we celebrate the thousands of people who donate their time to help others. As part of a collaboration with Volunteer Edinburgh and the City of Edinburgh Council, the public were asked to nominate their 'Tenant Participation Champion'. Registered Tenant Organisations (RTOs) were also nominated for 'Team Awards' and these will be awarded at a glittering ceremony on 7th June 2017. Congratulations to everyone who was nominated and thank you to all our volunteers who give so much of their time to ETF.

ETF Blog

This month's blog comes from Stefan Holt who was a student with ETF and will tell us about the work that he was involved in during his placement. You can read Stefan's blog at <http://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk/category/guest-bloggers/>.

If any of the following applies to you, why not become a guest blogger?

- Are you a Council tenant?
- Do you work in housing?
- Are you interested in community development?
- Do you care about where you live?

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/>.

Tenants Voice: Call for Articles

All groups will shortly be receiving a copy of the latest edition of *Tenants Voice*. If you would like extra copies, please contact the Federation office. The deadline for material for the next issue is **Monday 24th July 2017**, 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.

Advanced Notice: Housing Roadshows

Calling all Registered Tenant Organisations. ETF and the City of Edinburgh Council will be holding Housing Roadshows over the next couple of months. The purpose of the Roadshows is to provide housing information to tenants, promote the support available to tenants, raise awareness of ETF and local Registered Tenant Organisations (RTOs) and promote the Tenants' Panel. If any RTOs can suggest possible venues or can help by sending tenant representatives along to volunteer on the stalls, even for a couple of hours on any of the days, please contact Mark Henry at the Federation Office on 0131 475 2509 or email mark@edinburghtenants.org.uk.

Developing City of Edinburgh Council Services

Since last year, the Council has been asking individuals and community groups for their views on local priorities and services. The Council is now focusing on specific areas to further help them develop Locality Improvement Plans by October 2017. The Council, Police Scotland, Fire and Rescue Service, NHS Lothian, Edinburgh College, the voluntary sector and other key partners, are working more closely within Edinburgh's four localities – South East, South West, North East and North West – to develop services together.

During the next stage, the Council will have further discussions with people from the smaller geographic areas and communities which were identified as having the greatest needs. Over the coming months the Council will be using that feedback, as well as existing good practice, to set out clear priorities, and by early autumn will agree short, medium, and longer-term objectives and actions. The Council will also highlight what resources are needed to do this, including looking at when and how the community can be involved in or lead on the activities. These plans will cover the next ten years and the Council will continue to measure, monitor and develop them over the coming years to reflect the changing needs of the community and the partners' objectives and plans. If you want to find out more, contact your locality office:

Diary Dates

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

June 2017

9 June	Places must be booked for ETF's AGM
16 June	ETF AGM, 7.00pm-11.00pm, Boroughmuir Rugby Club, 2 Meggatland Wynd. Places must be booked in advance by Friday 9th June 2017

Please use public transport where possible. If required, assistance with transport and childcare may be available on request. Contact the Federation office on 0131 475 2509 for more information or to book a place at any of the events.

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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