



# Federation Matters

January 2010

A very Happy New Year to you all from everyone at ETF.

## **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Group Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2010, Norton Park, 7pm**

The Federation celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, and a planning group was established at November's Federation Meeting to organise events and activities to mark this milestone in our development.

The first meeting of the new planning group will go through the ideas and suggestions made at the Federation Meeting and will start to organise things to do. If you would like to be involved, or if you have ideas for ways for our anniversary to be commemorated, please contact the Federation office.

## **Repairs Group, 27<sup>th</sup> January, Norton Park, 7pm**

This meeting is a catch-up to bring members up to speed on the latest developments within the repairs service. Members of the Tenant Led Inspections group will also be present to share the report from their recently completed inspection into the standard of let and how houses are prepared for new tenants moving in.

Come along and have your say and help us improve the repairs service we receive.

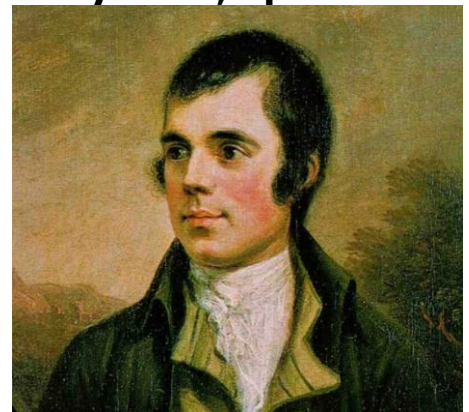
## **HATS Sub-committee, 28<sup>th</sup> January, Norton Park, 11am**

The Housing Association Tenants Sub Committee is open to any Housing Association tenant living in Edinburgh. The HATS group has been finding out about tenant participation with different landlords. At the last meeting we heard from Link Housing Association, and the next meeting will focus on how Port of Leith HA involves tenants. The group has also been investigating how service charges differ. HATS meetings are informal and we'd welcome anyone interested in meeting other Housing Association tenants. Come along to find out more.

## **Burns Supper, 1<sup>st</sup> February, Victoria Park Hotel, Ferry Road, 7pm - late**

The Federation is hosting a Burns Supper on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010. This will be preceded by our quarterly Federation Meeting focussing on the Council's Draft Antisocial Behaviour Strategy. Come along to enjoy haggis, neeps and tatties, a wee dram and a blether. Papers for the meeting will be circulated soon.

Pre-booking is essential so that we know how many to cater for. All are welcome, so bring your friends. Call Mary on 475 2509 or email [mary@edinburghtenants.org.uk](mailto:mary@edinburghtenants.org.uk) to book your group's places by 25/1/10



**Transport and childcare for all meetings are available on request. Contact the Federation office on 0131 475 2509 for more information or to book a place.**

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## Please help us to help you: Annual Surveys

Members will soon be receiving a survey asking for your (or your group's) views on the Federation's performance over the past year. As in previous years, we are always looking for ways to improve our services to you and to offer opportunities for members to get more involved. Secondly, the Federation is funded by the Council via a Service Level Agreement which requires us to report each year on what you, our members, think of our work.

We will take on board the comments you make, producing a report for the April Federation meeting, and use your comments to shape our plans for future work. When our survey arrives we would be grateful if you could spend a few minutes filling it in and returning it to us by 26<sup>th</sup> February.

## EBS say "We Want You!"



Edinburgh Building Services are looking for Council tenants to get involved with focus groups they are holding. The purpose of these groups is to look at the current service and discuss what improvements could be made.

This is a great opportunity for you to help shape the service you receive. If you want to be part of one of these groups please contact Graham Budd on 0131 529 2757 or email [graham.budd@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:graham.budd@edinburgh.gov.uk).

## Diary Dates

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

### **January 2010**

11 January	Executive Committee
18 January	20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Group, 7pm
27 January	Repairs Group meeting, Norton Park, 7pm – ALL WELCOME
28 January	HATS sub-group, Norton Park, 11am

### **February 2010**

1 February	Federation Meeting and Burns Supper, Victoria Park Hotel, 7pm – ALL WELCOME but please book places by 25/1/10
8 February	Executive Committee
15 February	High Flats Group, Birnies Court, 7pm – ALL WELCOME

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Don't forget that Federation Matters, and other Federation publications, can be downloaded from our website at [www.edinburghtenants.org.uk](http://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.