



Federation Matters

November 2011

ETF Quiz Night – Friday 11th November 2011, Victoria Park Hotel, 7pm



Everyone should have received information about our forthcoming Quiz Night, which will take place on **Friday 11th November 2011** at **7pm** in **Victoria Park Hotel**. Tenants can book as a team of up to six, or join a team on the night. Please use public transport if possible. The Lothian number 14 and 21 buses go right past the Hotel. To book a place call 475 2509 or email info@edinburghtenants.org.uk Bookings must be received by **Friday 4th November**.

City of Edinburgh Council draft Tenant Participation Strategy

The formal consultation period for the Council's draft Tenant Participation Strategy will last from **Monday 31st October** until **Friday 9th December 2011**. The aim of the Strategy is to take account of the needs of all tenants. This consultation document has been sent to all Registered Tenants Organisations (RTOs) in Edinburgh, tenants on the Council's interested tenants register and all those that attended the tenants' conference on 8 October 2011. If you would like more information or to get someone from the Council to a local meeting, please contact Samantha Reeves, Senior Officer - Tenant Participation, on 529 7805 or email sam.reeves@edinburgh.gov.uk to discuss.

Federation Meeting, Monday 28th November 2011, Norton Park Conference Centre, 7pm

The Federation's next quarterly meeting will take place on **Monday 28th November 2011** at **7pm** in **Norton Park Conference Suite**. Members will have the opportunity to discuss the Council's draft Tenant Participation Strategy. Members will also have the chance to hear about what ETF has done over the past three months, as we discuss our quarterly Progress Report. This is an ideal opportunity to meet other tenants and residents from across the city, so it would be great to see you there. Information will be sent out in the coming weeks. Book a place on 0131 475 2509 or email info@edinburghtenants.org.uk

Regulation of Social Housing in Scotland

The Scottish Housing Regulator wants to hear your views. Scotland has a new, independent housing regulator and from next April its role will be to safeguard and promote the interests of tenants and others who receive housing services from local authorities and Housing Associations. Before taking on its role, the new Scottish Housing Regulator is consulting on its approach. It wants to hear the views of tenants, landlords and others with an interest in social housing. The new Regulator would like to get wide feedback on its proposed approach. The closing date for responses is **Friday 25th November 2011**. You can find out more information on their website at www.scottishhousingregulator.gov.uk/newregulator or by phoning 0141 271 3810.

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Update on Tenant Led Inspections

As you will know from previous Federation publicity, the Tenant Led Inspection of the Kitchen and Bathroom programme of the City of Edinburgh Council and Dunedin Canmore Housing Association has now been completed. The Inspectors wrote up their findings and presented them to both landlords. Each landlord then had six weeks to produce an action plan outlining how they will act on the recommendations. We have received an action plan from Dunedin Canmore Housing Association and we are awaiting an action plan from the Council. The Tenant Inspectors deserve enormous credit for the effort that they have put in throughout this process and this has been echoed by both Council and Dunedin Canmore staff. There has been growing interest in Tenant Led Inspections from a number of organisations throughout Scotland. If you would like to receive copies of the final reports or would like to find out more about Tenant Led Inspections contact Mark at the Federation office on 0131 475 2509 or email mark@edinburghtenants.org.uk. Both the final reports and the action plans will shortly be available on the Federation's website at www.edinburghtenants.org.uk.

Training sessions

Following on from the very successful training sessions which were held in the spring, ETF is considering providing a further programme of information/trainings sessions for members in the New Year. We have enclosed a training and information needs questionnaire. To help us plan the sessions please tell us which ones you (or members of your group) would attend. Please respond in the pre-paid envelope by **Friday 16th December 2011**. You can also email us your preferences at info@edinburghtenants.org.uk or call the office on 0131 475 2509.

Diary Dates

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

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11 November	ETF Quiz Night, Victoria Park Hotel, 7pm. Places must be booked
by 4th November	
21 November	Executive Committee Meeting, Norton Park, 3 pm
28 November	Federation Meeting, Norton Park, 7pm

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19 December	Executive Committee Meeting, Norton Park, 3pm
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Office closes on Thursday 22nd December at 2.30pm for Christmas holiday and re-opens on Wednesday 4th January 2012 at 9am

Please use public transport where possible. If required assistance with transport and childcare are available on request. Contact the Federation office on 0131 475 2509 for more information or to book a place. Please share this information with other tenants and residents in your group.

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.