



EDINBURGH TENANTS
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Federation Matters

March 2019

Thank you

ETF would like to extend a massive thank you to everyone who attended our protest and deputation outside the Council Chambers on Thursday 21st February 2019. Despite the Federation's campaign for a rent freeze, Councillors agreed to increase Council tenants' rents by 2% and Council tax by 3% from April 2019. We would like to thank everyone who was involved in the planning and for coming up with the campaign slogan *Get real and give tenants a fair deal*.

Rent Collection Communication Workshop

Are you a City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) tenant? Have you received rent letters from CEC and have difficulty understanding them? A group of tenant volunteers from Edinburgh Tenants Federation (ETF) are looking at ways in which CEC can improve their rent collection communication letters. If you have any views on how CEC communicates with you on your rent, we would love to hear from you. Your voice is very important to us. Help us to help you!

ETF will shortly be hosting some Rent Collection Communication Workshops across the city. If you would be interested in attending any of these workshops or would like more information, please contact ETF's Development Worker Mark Henry on 0131 475 2509 or email mark@edinburghtenants.org.uk. There will be a small incentive for any CEC tenant who attends the workshop.

ETF High Flats Group Meeting, Monday 4th March 2019, 7.00pm-9.00pm, Birnies Court Community Room

Would you like to find out more about the Lift Installation Programme for High Rise Flats across Edinburgh? If so then why not come along to the next meeting of the ETF High Flats Group, which will take place on **Monday 4th March 2019, 7.00pm-9.00pm, Birnies Court Community Room**. Andrew Smith, Team Leader, CEC will be speaking about the forthcoming lift installation programme for high rise flats across Edinburgh. There will also be an opportunity to give an update on what is happening in your local area. Please use public transport where possible. Assistance with transport and childcare may be available on request. To attend please book your place online at www.edinburghtenants.org.uk, email info@edinburghtenants.org.uk or phone 0131 475 2509.

Advance Notice - The OneCity Trust – Grant Programme Applications

The OneCity Trust is pleased to announce that its main grant programme for applications will open on **Friday 8th March 2019**. For further information and to request an application form, please see www.onecity.org.uk, or alternatively, please telephone Elaine McCafferty on 0131 469 3856 or e-mail elaine@onecity.org.uk. Watch this space for further details.

Tenants Voice: Call for Articles

Is your tenants' group involved in an exciting piece of work, are you proud of an initiative that is taking place in your area or would you simply like to share an example of good practice? If any of the above apply then we would love to hear from you. The deadline for articles for our next edition has been extended to **Monday 18th March 2019**, 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.

Advance notice – ETF Annual General Meeting, Friday 14th June 2019, 7.00pm-late, venue to be confirmed

The date for ETF's Annual General Meeting (AGM) has been set for **Friday 14th June 2019, 7.00pm, venue to be confirmed**. Further details about the AGM will be available soon, including how to book a place. Watch this space for further details.

ETF Blog

Are you a tenant, employed in the housing sector, enthusiastic about where you live or interested in community development, then why not become a guest blogger? 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. Examples of previous blogs can be viewed by going to <http://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk/category/guest-bloggers/>. Some useful hints and tips for writing blogs can be found at <http://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk/draft-blog/>.

Update on McGill & Co Ltd

Following the closure of McGill & Co Ltd, CEC has contacted everyone who were either undergoing a Kitchen and Bathroom replacement or were scheduled to receive an upgrade in the coming months. Work is continuing to complete the properties which were at various stages of upgrade and CEC is looking at alternative avenues to deliver the Kitchen and Bathroom programme to all the other tenants who were scheduled under McGills. CEC will continue to support tenants through this difficult time and officers will continue to visit and update tenants. However if there are any questions please contact Housing Property – 0131 529 5969, 8.30am-5.00pm. Repairs Direct – 0131 200 2345, repairsdirect@edinburgh.gov.uk, 8.00am-8.00pm.

Diary Dates

Here are the dates of upcoming events that may be of interest to you.

March 2019

4 th March	ETF High Flats Group Meeting, 7.00pm-9.00pm, Birnies Court Community Room
8 th March	Applications for OneCity Trust open
18 th March	Deadline for <i>Tenants Voice</i> articles

April 2019

15 th April	Public Holiday – Office Closed
19 th April	Public Holiday – Office Closed
22 nd April	Public Holiday – Office Closed

May 2019

1 st May	ETF Repairs Group Meeting, 7.00pm-9.00pm, venue to be confirmed
6 th May	Public Holiday – Office Closed
15 th May	Federation Meeting, 7.00pm-9.00pm, venue to be confirmed
20 th May	Public Holiday – Office Closed

June 2019

3 rd June	ETF High Flats Meeting 7.00pm-9.00pm, venue to be confirmed
14 th June	ETF AGM, 7.00pm-late, venue to be confirmed

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.

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