



EDINBURGH TENANTS
FEDERATION

Federation Matters

August 2019

Housing Roadshow, Monday 12th August 2019, 9.30am-2.30pm, Morrisons, 24 Piersfield Terrace, EH8 7EF

Calling all Registered Tenant Organisations (RTOs); ETF and the City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) will be holding a Housing Roadshow on **Monday 12th August 2019, 9.30am-2.30pm, Morrisons, 24 Piersfield Terrace, EH8 7EF**. The purpose of the Roadshow is to provide housing information to tenants, promote the support available to tenants and raise awareness of ETF. This is also an opportunity to promote the work of your group and possibly gain new members. If any RTOs can help by sending tenant representatives along to volunteer at the Roadshow, even for a couple of hours, please contact Mark on 0131 475 2509 or email mark@edinburghtenants.org.uk.

ETF Repairs Group Meeting, Wednesday 21st August 2019, 7.00pm-9.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road

The next ETF Repairs Group Meeting will take place on **Wednesday 21st August 2019, 7.00pm-9.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road**. The guest speakers will be Willie Crawford, Operations Manager, Housing Property and Jenn Wilson, Deputy Contact Centre Manager, CEC who will be giving a talk on how CEC intend to take forward the priorities identified at the last ETF Repairs Group Meeting. 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.

Membership Renewals

The procedures and deadlines for ETF's AGM have changed slightly as we are now working under the constitution brought in as a result of becoming a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). ETF has written to all our member groups, associate individual members and associate organisation members inviting them to re-join the Federation for the coming year. If your group would like to vote on any issues raised at the Annual General Meeting and/or put forward a nominee from your group to be on the Federation's Executive Committee (EC), your annual membership renewal form must be completed and returned to the Federation Office by **Friday 30th August 2019**. Any membership applications previously submitted for **2019/2020 are still valid**.

Recruiting New Executive Committee Members

Would you like to play a part in helping to make a difference in tenants' lives, help influence policy and gain a wider experience and knowledge of current housing and environmental issues? If you have answered yes, why not become a member of the Federation's EC? We are keen to have more people involved in the work we are carrying out here at ETF. **To become an EC member, you need to be a member of a Tenants' and Residents' group that is registered with ETF**. If you are interested in becoming an EC member and would like more information, please contact the Federation Office on 0131 475 2509 or email info@edinburghtenants.org.uk. Nominations to the Federation's EC must be returned by **Friday 30th August 2019**.

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ETF High Flats Meeting, Monday 2nd September 2019, 7.00pm-9.00pm, Birnies Court Community Room, Muirhouse View

The next ETF High Flats Meeting will take place on **Monday 2nd September 2019, 7.00pm-9.00pm, Birnies Court Community Room, Muirhouse View**. The guest speaker will be Councillor Kate Campbell, Convenor of the Housing and Economy Committee, CEC who will be giving an update on what will be coming up with regards to high flats in Edinburgh in the coming months. 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.

Federation Meeting, Wednesday 4th September 2019, 7.00pm-9.00pm, venue to be confirmed

Our next Federation Meeting will take place on **Wednesday 4th September 2019, 7.00pm-9.00pm, venue to be confirmed**. The guest speaker will be Carol Reid, Operations Manager, CEC, who will be giving a talk on CEC's forthcoming Service Improvement Plan and how tenants can become involved. Members will also have the chance to discuss what ETF has done over the past few months as we talk about our quarterly Progress Report. Please use public transport where possible. Assistance with transport and childcare may be available on request. To attend please book your place by email info@edinburghtenants.org.uk or phone 0131 475 2509.

ETF Annual General Meeting, Friday 13th September 2019, 7.00pm-11.00pm, Boroughmuir Rugby & Community Sports Club, 2 Meggetland Wynd

It's always one of the highlights of the year and ETF's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on **Friday 13th September 2019, 7.00pm-11.00pm, Boroughmuir Rugby & Community Sports Club, 2 Meggetland Wynd**. The evening will consist of:

- Presentation of ETF's Annual Report for 2018/2019;
- Appointment of Executive Committee Members;
- Presentation of Financial Accounts and appointment of auditors;
- Adoption of Work Plan for 2019/2020;
- Informal Social Event with a disco and buffet.

To attend please book your place online at www.edinburghtenants.org.uk, email info@edinburghtenants.org.uk or phone 0131 475 2509. Places must be booked in advance no later than **Friday 6th September 2019**.

ETF Blog

This month, Laura Robertson, Research Officer, Poverty Alliance will share the work she is currently involved in, particularly the ongoing activities with Edinburgh's Poverty Commission. Read all about it by visiting our website 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/>.

CEC Service Improvement

CEC is currently reviewing its Housing Service with a view to making meaningful changes which will improve the service and focus their attentions on the right things and deliver a service which is tenant led. In order for this to really work, CEC want to put tenants at the centre of the service design and are seeking tenants' views. If you are interested in helping to shape a better housing service, please email allan.tinto@edinburgh.gov.uk or phone 0131 529 5409.

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Poverty Alliance research

The Poverty Alliance is researching people's experiences of living on a low income or struggling financially. They are looking for people to take part in an individual interview to share their experiences and what they think needs to change in their area. The findings of this research will be fed back to the Edinburgh Poverty Commission, an independent group that have been set up to understand what drives people into poverty in Edinburgh. As a small token of thanks, the Poverty Alliance have £15 vouchers to give for your time. If you are interested in taking part in an interview, please contact Laura Robertson, Research Officer, Poverty Alliance by email at laura.robertson@povertyalliance.org or phone 0141 353 0440.

Strengthening Fire Safety for High Rise Domestic Buildings Consultation

As a result of the Grenfell Tower fire in London just over two years ago, the Scottish Government launched a consultation which looked at ways to improve the safety of people living in high-rise flats across Scotland. ETF submitted a response to this consultation. If you would like a copy of the response, please phone Mark Henry on 0131 475 2509 or email mark@edinburghtenants.org.uk. A copy of the response can be downloaded at <http://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk/etf-response-to-strengthening-fire-safety-for-high-rise-domestic-buildings/>.

Community Council Elections

Edinburgh's Community Councils are looking for new recruits. The nomination period starts on **Monday 9th September 2019** and closes on **Monday 30th September 2019, 4.00pm**. Elections, where required, will take place on **Thursday 31st October 2019**. You can apply as an individual or as a Registered Tenant Organisation. A Community Council gives local people a say on decisions that affect their area and consults with local people on issues that will impact on the community. Nomination forms will be available from **Monday 9th September 2019** on the Council's website at http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20133/community_planning/730/community_councils. For more information phone 0131 469 3126 or email community.councils@edinburgh.gov.uk.

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Diary Dates

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

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- 21st August ETF Repairs Group Meeting, 7.00pm-9.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road
- 30th August AGM deadline for return of membership applications and EC nominations

September 2019

- 2nd September ETF High Flats Meeting, 7.00pm-9.00pm, Birnies Court Community Room, Muirhouse View
- 4th September Federation Meeting, 7.00pm-9.00pm, venue to be confirmed
- 5th September Multi-Storey Owners' Group Meeting, 6.00pm-7.00pm, Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street
- 6th September AGM deadline for bookings
- 9th September Nomination period starts for Community Council Elections
- 11th September AGM deadline for support/opposition to EC nominations
- 13th September ETF AGM, 7.00pm-11.00pm, Boroughmuir Rugby & Community Sports Club
- 16th September Public Holiday – Office Closed
- 30th September Nomination period ends for Community Council Elections

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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