



EDINBURGH TENANTS  
FEDERATION

# Federation Matters

## March 2020

### ETF's Deputation

ETF would like to extend a massive thank you to everyone who attended our deputation at the City Chambers on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Despite the Federation's campaign for a rent freeze, Councillors agreed to increase Council tenants' rents by 2% and Council Tax by 4.79% from April 2020. We would like to thank everyone who was involved in the planning and for coming up with the campaign slogan *No Rent Increase – Tenants' Can't Afford It*.

### Welcome to Aadam

ETF is delighted to welcome Aadam Hussain who has joined ETF through the Community Jobs Scotland Scheme as an Admin Assistant. Aadam started working for ETF at the end of January and will be here for one year. Aadam has settled in well with us at ETF and he commented, "It's an honour for me to be working here at ETF. I will mostly be assisting with team duties, where I hope to learn new skills and build myself up within the organisation. I strive to excel throughout my time with ETF and I very much look forward to meeting with you at some point." Why not drop Aadam a line? You can contact him by email at [admin@edinburghtenants.org.uk](mailto:admin@edinburghtenants.org.uk) or phone 0131 475 2509.

### Edinburgh Funding Fair

EVOC is hosting a Funding Fair on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020, 2.00pm-6.00pm, EVOC offices, 525 Ferry Road, EH5 2FF**. The Funding Fair is free to attend and is open to organisations of all sizes. This is an ideal opportunity to network and meet other trustees and voluntary sector colleagues from across Edinburgh. Funders who have confirmed their attendance include:

- Bank of Scotland Foundation;
- BBC Children in Need;
- National Lottery Community Fund;
- Funding Scotland.

You can book a place at the Funding Fair by phoning 0131 555 9100, email [info@evoc.org.uk](mailto:info@evoc.org.uk) or online at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/edinburgh-funding-fair-tickets-88675385465>

### 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? For this month, we have two blogs from Nicky Kirwan, who is a tenant of Lister Housing Co-operative. The topics for Nicky's Blogs are *Overcoming Loneliness* and *the Benefits of Kindness*. You can view Nicky's blogs at <http://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](mailto:info@edinburghtenants.org.uk). Some useful hints and tips for writing blogs can be found at <http://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk/draft-blog/>.

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## **Federation Meeting, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020, 7.00pm-9.00pm, The Melting Pot, 5 Rose Street**

Our next Federation Meeting will take place on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020, 7.00pm-9.00pm, The Melting Pot, 5 Rose Street**. The guest speaker will be Miriam Craven, Deputy Director for Strategy and Client Experience, Social Security Scotland who will be giving a talk on new social security measures that have come to Scotland and how tenants can access help if needed. Members will also have the chance to discuss the work ETF has carried out 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 online at [www.edinburghtenants.org.uk](http://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk), email [info@edinburghtenants.org.uk](mailto:info@edinburghtenants.org.uk) or phone 0131 475 2509.

## **ETF Response to Housing to 2040 Consultation**

The Scottish Government recently consulted on what housing and communities should look like in 2040, to which ETF submitted a response. A copy of ETF's response can be downloaded at <http://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk/etf-response-to-housing-2040-consultation/>. Alternatively please contact ETF's Development Worker Mark Henry on 0131 475 2509 or email [mark@edinburghtenants.org.uk](mailto:mark@edinburghtenants.org.uk) to request a copy.

### **Diary Dates**

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

#### **March 2020**

11<sup>th</sup> March                      EVOG Funding Fair, 2.00pm-6.00pm, EVOG Offices, 525 Ferry Road

#### **April 2020**

10<sup>th</sup> April                      Public Holiday–Office Closed  
13<sup>th</sup> April                      Public Holiday–Office Closed  
20<sup>th</sup> April                      Public Holiday–Office Closed

#### **May 2020**

4<sup>th</sup> May                      Public Holiday-Office Closed  
6<sup>th</sup> May                      Federation Meeting, 7.00pm-9.00pm, The Melting Pot, 5 Rose Street  
18<sup>th</sup> May                      Public Holiday-Office Closed  
20<sup>th</sup> May                      ETF Repairs Group Meeting, 7.00pm-9.00pm, 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](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.

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