



EDINBURGH TENANTS  
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# Federation Matters September 2016

## **Federation Meeting, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016, 6.00pm-9.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road**

The next Federation Meeting will take place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016, 6.00pm-9.00pm, 57 Albion Road. The meeting will feature discussions about:

- What does ETF need to do to meet the Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation status? This will include a discussion about ETF's constitution and membership options;
- The City of Edinburgh Council's Tenant Participation and Engagement Service and what should be included in the specification?
- ETF's ideas for a Community Leadership Programme.

Attendees will also have the chance to hear what ETF has done over the past few months as we discuss our quarterly Progress Report. For bookings contact the Federation Office on 0131 475 2509, email [info@edinburghtenants.org.uk](mailto:info@edinburghtenants.org.uk) or book online at [www.edinburghtenants.org.uk](http://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk).

## **City of Edinburgh Council, Health, Social Care and Housing Committee, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016, 10.00am, City Chambers, Royal Mile**

Throughout the summer months, ETF and a number of agencies have been involved in discussions with the City of Edinburgh Council to draft ideas about what a future service for tenant participation would look like in Edinburgh. Councillors on the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee are due to consider options for the 'tenant participation and engagement services' on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016, 10.00am, City Chambers, Royal Mile**. ETF intends to have a deputation at the meeting and everyone is welcome to attend. It would be great to have a good turnout to offer support to ETF.

## **Welcome to David**

We are delighted to welcome our new Admin Assistant David Kyle to ETF. David is very much enjoying working at ETF. "I am absolutely delighted to be working for ETF as out of all the Community Jobs Scotland that were available, ETF was my first choice. It has been an excellent experience so far, learning new skills and assisting all the staff here who are all extremely nice and have been very welcoming. I am hoping to gain a lot of experience in the Admin role to help towards getting a similar job role when my contract with ETF ends." Why not drop David a line at the Federation office? His email address is [admin@edinburghtenants.org.uk](mailto:admin@edinburghtenants.org.uk).

## **ETF Blog**

It's been two months since we launched our blog and we're delighted with the feedback we have received. We are looking for people to tell the story about what is happening in Edinburgh on our new blog. If you're a tenant, work in housing or just passionate about your local area, why not become one of our guest bloggers? Our previous bloggers have included Judith Robertson, Chair, Scottish Human Rights Commission and Bill Walker, Chairperson, Gateside tenants and Residents Association. For this month, we are pleased to announce that Kirsty Wells, Housemark Manager Scotland will be our guest blogger and will be focussing on value for money on rents. Kirsty's blog can be found at [www.edinburghtenants.org.uk](http://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk). If you are interested in contributing a blog, 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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## Community Council Elections

Edinburgh's Community Councils are looking for new recruits. The nomination period starts on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September** and closes on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016**. Elections, where required, will take place on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016**. 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 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016 on the Council's website at [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/communitycouncils](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/communitycouncils). For more information phone 0131 469 3838 or email [community.councils@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:community.councils@edinburgh.gov.uk).

## Social Security for Scotland Consultation

The Scottish Government has launched a consultation paper about how best to use the social security powers that will be devolved to the Scottish Government as part of the Scotland Act 2016. ETF will be holding an event for tenants on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016, 6.00pm-9.00pm, Norton Park, 57 Albion Road**. For bookings contact the Federation Office on 0131 475 2509, email [info@edinburghtenants.org.uk](mailto:info@edinburghtenants.org.uk) or book online at [www.edinburghtenants.org.uk](http://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk). The consultation runs to **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016**. Contact the Scottish Government on 0131 244 7763 or email [consult.socialsecurityscotland@gov.scot](mailto:consult.socialsecurityscotland@gov.scot) for more information.

## Sheltered Housing Conference, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016, 10.00am-1.00pm, City Chambers, Royal Mile

The Edinburgh Sheltered Housing Liaison Group in partnership with the City of Edinburgh will be holding its first Conference on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 10.00am-1.00pm, City Chambers, Royal Mile**. The Conference will feature discussions and stalls on a number of subjects and will also include some light entertainment and refreshments will be provided. . If you would like more information, please contact 0131 529 7595.

## ETF Learning Sessions

ETF will be organising an autumn programme of Learning Sessions. The programme will include sessions on Committee Skills, Finance and Getting your Message Across. Members of groups and individuals tenants can also attend these sessions. Confirmation of the date, time and venue for the sessions as well as details on how to book places will be available soon.

### Diary Dates

#### September 2016

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| 12 September | Federation Meeting, 6.00pm-9.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road                         |
| 13 September | City of Edinburgh Council, Health, Social Care and Housing Committee, 10.00am, City Chambers, Royal Mile |
| 19 September | Public Holiday – Office closed   |

#### October 2016

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| 3 October  | Social Security for Scotland Consultation Discussion, 6.00pm-9.00pm, Norton Park, 57 Albion Road          |
| 12 October | Sheltered Housing Conference, 10.00am-1.00pm, City Chambers, Royal Mile                                   |
| 29 October | City of Edinburgh Council Tenants' Conference, time to be confirmed, Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street |

Please use public transport where possible. If required, assistance with transport and childcare may be available on request. Contact the Federation office on 0131 475 2509 for more information or to book a place.