



EDINBURGH TENANTS
FEDERATION

Federation Matters

April 2015

Welcome to Pryde

We are delighted to welcome our new Admin Assistant Pryde Baxter to ETF. Pryde is very much looking forward to working at ETF. "I feel very lucky and privileged to be joining ETF and becoming a part of the team. Everyone has welcomed me with open arms and are all lovely and friendly, they have also been helpful to show me the ropes of my new job very quickly. I am enjoying the fast learning and new found responsibilities I have as the new Admin Assistant. I plan to be here until December and I am hopefully going to learn even more, grow as a person and expand my training and abilities." Why not drop Pryde a line at the Federation office? Her email is pryde@edinburghtenants.org.uk.

Inaugural Meeting for tenants of Registered Social Edinburgh Landlords, Monday 27th April 2015, Norton Park Conference Centre, 7.00pm-9.00pm

The Registered Social Landlords Tenants' Group is holding their Inaugural Meeting on **Monday 27th April 2015 at 7.00pm** in the **Norton Park Conference Centre**. The purpose of the meeting is to appoint a Committee and Office Bearers (Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer) and to agree a Constitution. If you would like to book a place at the meeting or would like more information, please call Terry Kirby on 0131 228 9405 or email rsltenants@yahoo.co.uk.

Tenants Voice: Call for Articles

All groups should now have received a copy of the Federation's *Tenant's Voice*, issue 93. If you would like extra copies, please contact the Federation office. The deadline for material for the next issue is **Monday 13th April 2015**. Articles and letters for publication should be sent into the Federation office at Norton Park, 57 Albion Road, Edinburgh EH7 5QY, or can be 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. A copy of *Tenants Voice* can also be downloaded from our website by clicking <http://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk/march-2015-edition-of-tenants-voice/>.

ETF Rents Group Meeting, Wednesday 6th May 2015 at 6.00pm

ETF is setting up a new Rents Group. This is a great opportunity for Council tenants to get involved, understand what their rents pay for and help to influence rents issues in Edinburgh. The first meeting of the Rents Group will take place on **Wednesday 6th May 2015 at 6.00pm** in Norton Park. If you would like to get involved or find out, please contact Clare at the Federation office on 0131 475 2509 or email clare@edinburghtenants.org.uk.

Federation Meeting, Wednesday 13th May 2015, 7.00pm, venue to be confirmed

The next Federation meeting will take place on **Wednesday 13th May 2015 at 7.00pm**. The topic and venue will be confirmed in due course. Members will have the chance to hear what ETF has done over the past few months as we discuss our quarterly Progress Report. If you would like to book a place, please call 0131 475 2509 or email info@edinburghtenants.org.uk. An agenda and further information will be sent out soon.

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Inspiring Volunteering Achievement Awards 2015

The closing date for nominations to the Inspiring Volunteer Awards has been extended to **Monday 13th April 2015**. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to nominate someone within your organisation who you believe deserves an Inspiring Volunteering Achievement Award. Nominations can be submitted online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/IVA2015> and organisations are welcome to nominate up to **three individual volunteers** and **one team of volunteers**. For more information please contact Lara Celini, Core Services Manager at Volunteer Centre Edinburgh on 0131 225 0630 or email lara.celini@volunteeredinburgh.org.uk.

Neighbourhood Partnership 'Meet the Funders' Event, Thursday 23rd April 2015, The Central Library, George IV Bridge, 1.00pm-4.00pm

There will be a Neighbourhood Partnership 'Meet the Funders' event for voluntary groups in Edinburgh on **Thursday 23rd April 2015** in the **Central Library, George IV Bridge** from **1.00pm-4.00pm**. It is an informal drop in session for groups with opportunities to discuss their ideas with potential funders and collect a range of information about possible sources of grant aid. For further information, contact Maureen Thompson on 0131 469 3595 or email maureen.thompson@edinburgh.gov.uk.

Join the City of Edinburgh Council Tenants' Panel

The City of Edinburgh Council Tenants' Panel was launched at the Council's Tenants' Conference in October 2014 and will provide tenants with opportunities to tell the Council what they think about housing services and what can be improved. Any tenant and their family members, aged 16 and above and living with them, can join. If you would like to join, please contact Sam Reeves, Senior Tenant Participation Officer on 0131 529 7805 or email sam.reeves@edinburgh.gov.uk.

Advance notice - Membership Renewal

It's that time of year again where we ask all our members to renew their membership of the Federation. Renewal forms will shortly be sent out to all members. All member organisations wishing to vote at the AGM must have renewed their membership by **Friday 5th June 2015**.

Diary Dates

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

April 2015

3 April	Public Holiday – Office closed
6 April	Public Holiday – Office closed
20 April	Public Holiday – Office closed
23 April	Meet the Funders, The Central Library, George IV Bridge, 1.00pm-4.00pm
27 April	Inaugural General Meeting for tenants of Registered Social Landlords, Norton Park Conference Centre, 7.00pm-9.00pm

May 2015

4 May	Public Holiday – Office closed
6 May	ETF Rents Group, 6pm at Norton Park, 57 Albion Road, Edinburgh
13 May	Federation Meeting, venue to be confirmed, 7.00pm-9.00pm
18 May	Public Holiday – Office closed

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