



EDINBURGH TENANTS
FEDERATION

Federation Matters

May 2015

Memories of George Pitcher

As many of you are aware, George Pitcher, a former member of the ETF's Executive Committee, Convenor of the ETF's Repairs Group and much loved community activist sadly passed away in February. We at ETF are very keen that George's memory lives on and have decided to put together a book celebrating the work that George was involved in. If any individuals or RTOs have any experiences or stories of working with George and would like to share this with us, then we would love to hear from you. The stories should be posted into the Federation office or emailed to info@edinburghtenants.org.uk. Due to the tight timescales, we would ask that all stories to be included in George's book arrive in the Federation office no later than **Friday 22nd May 2015**.

ETF Rents Group Meeting, Wednesday 6th May 2015, 6.00pm-8.00pm, Norton Park, 57 Albion Road

The first meeting of the ETF Rents Group will take place on **Wednesday 6th May 2015 at 6.00pm** in Norton Park. You can book online via www.edinburghtenants.org.uk. If you would like to get involved, 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, Norton Park Conference Centre

The next Federation meeting will take place on **Wednesday 13th May 2015 at 7.00pm in the Norton Park Conference Centre**. Groups will have the opportunity to raise any issues or problems they may have and these will be discussed by the meeting to find possible ways to overcome them. There will be a small social event afterwards to celebrate a couple of landmark birthdays within ETF. You can book online via www.edinburghtenants.org.uk, contact the Federation office on 0131 475 2509 or email info@edinburghtenants.org.uk.

SafeTALK Training, Wednesday 20th May 2015, 9.15am-1.00pm, East Neighbourhood Office, 101 Niddrie Main Road

The City of Edinburgh Council is running a Safetalk session on **Wednesday 20th May 2015 from 9.15am-1.00pm in the East Neighbourhood Office, 101 Niddrie Mains Road**. The session will teach you to recognise people with thoughts of suicide and how to connect them to intervention resources. Please book online via www.edinburghtenants.org.uk. Alternatively contact Lee Clark on 0131 529 6397 or email lee.clark@edinburgh.gov.uk. Places must be booked by **Wednesday 13th May 2015**.

ETF High Flats Meeting, Monday 1st June 2015, 7.00pm-9.00pm, Birnies Court, Muirhouse View

The next meeting of the ETF High Flats Group will take place on **Monday 1st June 2015 at 7pm** in **Birnies Court, Muirhouse View**. Jennifer Hunter, Income, Rent and Tenancy Manager, City of Edinburgh Council will be talking about the microchipping of dogs, what this will mean and how the Council plans to ensure this will happen. You can book online via www.edinburghtenants.org.uk. If you would like more information about the meeting, please contact the Federation office.

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ETF Annual General Meeting, Friday 19th June 2015, venue to be confirmed

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on **Friday 19th June 2015**. This is an important meeting for the Federation as it's when you – our members – set the agenda for our future work, elect your Executive Committee and receive reports on how this year's Committee has worked on your behalf. The Annual General Meeting will be followed by a social event and buffet. All members and people involved with the Federation are warmly invited to attend. A formal notice and booking instructions will be sent out shortly but for now please put the date into your diary, as places must be booked by **Friday 12th June 2015**.

Joining the Executive Committee

The Federation is looking for new Executive Committee (EC) members. Anyone who is nominated by one of our Member groups is eligible to apply to join the EC. The EC is elected at the Federation's AGM in June. They meet monthly and are involved in decision making on behalf of Federation Members and represent the views of tenants and Member Associations when considering housing policies and services. Where required, there is a 'buddying' system, where new members can work with more experienced members and staff are always on hand to assist. If you would like more information please contact Clare MacGillivray on 0131 475 2509 or email clare@edinburghtenants.org.uk. If you are considering being on the Federation's EC, firstly, speak to your Association, because they need to support your application. Your association needs to fill out a nomination form (which will be sent out) and supporting statement, sign and return the forms to ETF by **Friday 5th June 2015**.

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.

May 2015

4 May	Public Holiday – Office closed
6 May	ETF Rents Group, Norton Park, 57 Albion Road, Edinburgh, 6.00pm-8.00pm
13 May	Federation Meeting, Norton Park Conference Centre, 7.00pm-10.30pm
20 May	SafeTALK Training, East Neighbourhood Office, 101 Niddrie Mains Road, 9.15am-1.00pm. Places must be booked in advance
18 May	Public Holiday – Office closed

June 2015

1 June	ETF High Flats Group, Birnies Court, Muirhouse View, 7.00pm-9.00pm
19 June	ETF AGM, venue to be confirmed. Places must be booked in advance

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.