



Federation Matters

September 2015

EDINBURGH TENANTS
FEDERATION

Federation Meeting, Wednesday 2nd September 2015, 7.00pm-9.00pm, Goodtrees Community Centre, 5 Moredunvale Place

The Federation Meeting will take place on **Wednesday 2nd September 2015, 7.00pm - 9.00pm** in the **Goodtrees Community Centre, 5 Moredunvale Place**. The Council has set up a 'Rent Matters' Working Group with tenants to plan this year's rent consultation process and this is your opportunity to find out how you can get involved. Members will also have the chance to hear what ETF has done over the past few months as we discuss our quarterly Progress Report. If you would be interested in attending, please book online via www.edinburghtenants.org.uk, contact the Federation office on 0131 475 2509 or email info@edinburghtenants.org.uk. Please use public transport where possible. Assistance with transport and childcare may be available on request.

ETF's 25th Anniversary Celebrations

ETF is celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year and you are invited to attend a series of events to mark this momentous occasion. First we kick off with a celebration event which will include live music and a disco and will be held on **Friday 11th September 2015, 7.00pm-12.00am, Minto Hotel, Minto Street**. The Lord Provost will host a Civic Reception which will reflect on ETF's 25 year history and will take place on **Tuesday 6th October 2015, 6.00pm-7.15pm, City Chambers**. Finally ETF will have a 25th Anniversary Parliamentary Reception, sponsored by Sarah Boyack, MSP on **Wednesday 4th November 2015, 6.00pm-8.00pm, Scottish Parliament**. There will be an opportunity to view ETF's Exhibition and share memories of ETF and housing with each other. Each of the events promise to be very exciting and will allow ETF activists to reflect on the outstanding work they have done over the last 25 years to promote tenant participation in Edinburgh. **Bookings for all events must be made in advance, at least one week before the event**, by visiting www.edinburghtenants.org.uk, by contacting the Federation office on 0131 475 2509 or email info@edinburghtenants.org.uk. Please use public transport where possible. Assistance with transport and childcare may be available on request.

Income Advice Service

Are you a City of Edinburgh Council tenant and find you don't have enough money or benefit problems are affecting your payment of rent? The Income Advice Service is available for all council tenants whether you are in or out of work. The service can provide advice and assistance to make claims and also see what further help is available for you, including:

- Housing Benefit and Council Tax Reduction;
- Housing Costs as part of your Universal Credit;
- Extra help to pay rent – Discretionary Housing Payments;
- Emergency crisis / foodbank vouchers;
- Managing your money, changes to your household budget and other expenses e.g. fuel costs and
- Other welfare benefits – Pension Credits, Disability Benefits etc.

To find out more or to make an appointment, contact the Income Advice Service on 0131 529 7463 or email incomemaximisation@edinburgh.gov.uk.

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ETF Repairs Meeting, Wednesday 16th September 2015, Norton Park, 7.00pm-9.00pm

The next meeting of ETF Repairs Group will take place on **Wednesday 16th September 2015** at **7.00pm** in **Norton Park, 57 Albion Road**. The guest speaker will be Henry Coyle, Neighbourhood Manager, West Area who will be giving a talk on his role as the Neighbourhood Manager and what it involves. As always, we want to hear from about any repairs issues tenants in your area have. You can book online via www.edinburghtenants.org.uk. If you would like more information about the meeting, please contact the Federation office on 0131 475 2509 or email mark@edinburghtenants.org.uk.

We need your feedback! Annual Surveys

Member Groups and individuals will shortly be receiving a survey asking for you (or your group's) views on the Federation's performance over the past year. Your feedback is extremely important to us, not just because it helps us to plan the future work of your Federation, but also because we have to share your views with our funders. The Federation's work is funded by the City of Edinburgh Council through a Service Level Agreement. Through this arrangement we are obliged to seek the views of our service users on an annual basis as part of a monitoring and evaluation exercise. When our survey arrives we would be grateful if you could spend a few minutes filling it in and returning it to us using the supplied Freepost envelope.

Calling all RTOs in the Leith Area

Following the successful pilot Roadshows which were held in the South West area during June and July, ETF and the City of Edinburgh Council will be holding a Housing Roadshow on **Monday 7th September, 9.00am-2.00pm** in **TESCO, Duke Street, Leith**. The purpose of the Roadshow is to provide housing information to tenants, promote the support available to tenants, raise awareness of ETF and promote the Tenants' Panel. If any RTOs in the Leith area are interested in sending tenant representatives along on the day to help out, please contact Mark at the Federation Office on 0131 475 2509 or email mark@edinburghtenants.org.uk.

Diary Dates

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

September 2015

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| 2 September | Federation Meeting, Goodtrees Community Centre, 5 Moredunvale Place, 7.00pm-9.00pm |
| 7 September | Housing Roadshow, TESCO Duke Street, Leith, 9.00am-2.00pm |
| 11 September | ETF 25 th Anniversary Celebration Event, Minto Hotel, Minto Street, 7.00pm-12.00am. Places must be booked in advance |
| 16 September | ETF Repairs Group, Norton Park, 57 Albion Road, 7.00pm-9.00pm |
| 21 September | Public Holiday-Office Closed. |

October 2015

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| 6 October | Civic Reception hosted by the Lord Provost, City Chambers, 6.00pm-7.15pm. Places must be booked in advance. |
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November 2015

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| 4 November | Parliamentary Reception sponsored by Sarah Boyack, MSP, Scottish Parliament, 6.00pm-8.00pm. Places must be booked in advance. |
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Contact the Federation Office for more information.