



EDINBURGH TENANTS
FEDERATION

Federation Matters

April 2016

Inspiring Volunteering Achievement Awards 2016

The Volunteer Centre Edinburgh is looking for nominations for the 2016 Lord Provost's Inspiring Volunteer Achievement Awards, including a Tenant Participation Champion for Edinburgh. This is a brilliant opportunity for you to nominate someone within your organisation who you believe deserves an award. Nominations can be submitted online at <http://tinyurl.com/IVA2016> and organisations are welcome to nominate up to **three individual volunteers and/or a team of volunteers, including a Tenant Participation Champion for Edinburgh**. The closing date for nominations is **Monday 11th April 2016**. For more information please contact Lara Celini, Volunteer Centre Edinburgh on 0131 225 0630 or email lara.celini@volunteeredinburgh.org.uk.

City of Edinburgh Council Tenants' Conference, Saturday 23rd April 2016, Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street, 9.30am-2.00pm

The Tenants' Conference will be held on **Saturday 23rd April, 9.30am-2.00pm, Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street**. This is an ideal opportunity for Council tenants and their representatives to discuss what you think about your housing services, including what's working well and what needs to be improved. There will be time to visit stalls on a range of issues, including energy efficiency and the new local housing areas. There will also be a Video Diary Room. This event is free. A crèche can be provided for children aged 10 and under and transport for people with mobility difficulties is available. Waverley Court is fully wheelchair accessible and special diets can be catered for. If you would like to attend, please email tenant.panel@edinburgh.gov.uk or ring 0131 529 7545 to book your place, book transport and request childcare.

OneCity Trust Grant Programme

Does your tenants' group involve City of Edinburgh Council tenants?

Would you be interested in applying for a grant for a project?

If you answered yes to both of these questions, then you will certainly be interested in the OneCity Trust Grant Programme. The OneCity Trust is running a grants programme, where funding is available to constituted groups and small charities in the city. Two sizes of grant are available: larger grants of between £5,000 and £10,000, and also small grants of up to £2,000. This year, the Trust is particularly interested in applications from tenants' groups which involve City of Edinburgh Council tenants. The deadline for the main grant application is **Friday 29th April 2016**, so if you would like help in putting together an application, please phone Justine Bradd at ETF's office on 0131 475 2509 or email justine@edinburghtenants.org.uk. Priority will be given to tenants' groups who are submitting applications for the main grants of £5,000 and £10,000. Small grant funds can be applied for throughout the year.

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 ETF's Annual General Meeting (AGM) must have renewed their membership by **Friday 3rd June 2016**.

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Your Executive Committee Needs You!

Are you looking for an exciting new challenge or would like to meet people from different backgrounds? If so then why not apply to join the Federation's Executive Committee (EC). The EC is elected at the Federation's AGM in June and anyone who is nominated by one of our member groups is eligible. The EC meet monthly and are involved in decision making on behalf of Federation Members and represent the views of tenants when considering housing policies and services. There is a 'buddying' system, where new members can work with more experienced members and staff are always on hand to assist. For more information, 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 complete, sign and return a nomination form (which will be sent out in due course) and supporting statement by **Friday 3rd June 2016**.

ETF Conference and Annual General Meeting, Saturday 18th June 2016, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road, 10.00am-4.00pm

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is one of the highlights of the year and this year promises to be no exception. Our Conference and AGM will take place on **Saturday 18th June 2016, 10.00am-4.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre**. This is an important meeting for ETF 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. Our AGM will be followed by a small social event where there will be an opportunity to network with other tenants and member groups. 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 10th June 2016**.

Farewell Emma

Emma Sangster was on placement with ETF as part of her Edinburgh University degree course. Emma led on our 'Communities United' sessions and was very popular with the Executive Committee and staff. We wish her the very best of luck in the future. "I have really enjoyed my time at ETF and can't believe how quickly it has come to an end. Thank you to everyone for being so welcoming and supportive during my time here. I am going to be keeping up to date with all the news at ETF and I will hopefully see you all again soon!"

Diary Dates

April 2016

18 April

23 April

Public Holiday – Office closed

City of Edinburgh Council Tenants' Conference, Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street, 9.30am-2.00pm

May 2016

2 May

12 May

23 May

Public Holiday – Office closed

Meet the Funders, Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street, 5.00pm-8.00pm

Public Holiday - Office closed

June 2016

18 June

ETF Conference and AGM, Norton Park Conference Centre, 10.00am-4.00pm. **Places must be booked in advance.**

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.

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