



EDINBURGH TENANTS
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Thank you to Alan Twelvetrees

ETF would like to say a massive thank you to Alan Twelvetrees for taking the time to plan, prepare and deliver two fantastic *Communities United* seminars on 9th and 10th February. We would also like to thank Trust Housing Association for hosting the second session in their main office. The feedback from those who attended has been very positive as tenants, workers and students were able to use this time to articulate their thoughts in regards to tenant participation and the role that community development plays. ETF is in the process of collating all the information and will have a report available next month, so watch this space for further details.

OneCity Trust Grant Programme Information Evening for Tenants' Groups, Thursday 17th March 2016, Dunedin Room, City Chambers, High Street, 7.00pm-8.30pm

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

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

The OneCity Trust is running a social inclusion grants programme. Grants are 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 looking for applications from tenants' groups which involve City of Edinburgh Council tenants.

An information evening will take place on **Thursday 17th March 2016, Dunedin Room, City Chambers, High Street, 7.00pm-8.30pm** and will cover the following:

- The OneCity Trust's two grant programmes for social inclusion projects: the priorities, how much is available and how to apply;
- The partnership between the Council and Travis Perkins Managed Services and the Trust: what kind of projects Travis Perkins want to fund;
- The support your group can access from ETF to make an application and see your project through.

The deadline for applications is **Friday 29th April 2016**, so you will have six weeks after this event to discuss with your group and make a decision about applying.

To book a place, please contact ETF on 0131 475 2509, by email at

info@edinburghtenants.org.uk or via the ETF website at www.edinburghtenants.org.uk.

For more information about the OneTrust Grant Programme, please call Susan Shippey on 0131 469 3874 or email Susan.Shippey@edinburgh.gov.uk.

Tenants Voice: Call for Articles

All groups will shortly be receiving a copy of the latest edition of *Tenants Voice*. If you would like extra copies, please contact the Federation office. The deadline for material for the next issue is **Monday 4th April 2016**, so if there's anything you'd like to say, please speak up! Articles and letters for publication should be sent into the Federation office at Norton Park, 57 Albion Road, Edinburgh EH7 5QY, or 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.

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City of Edinburgh Council Tenants' Conference, Saturday 23rd April 2016 Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street, timings to be confirmed

The Tenants' Conference will be held on **Saturday 23rd April 2016, Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street, timings to be confirmed**. Why not come along, hear guest speakers, meet other tenants and have your say? This event is for all City of Edinburgh Council tenants and their representatives. This will be an opportunity to find out more about your housing services and take part in discussions that will inform future decision-making. If you would like to attend please email tenant.panel@edinburgh.gov.uk or ring 0131 529 7545 to book your place.

Tenants Panel/Registered Tenant Organisations (RTO) Surveys – Your Views Wanted

If you are the contact for an RTO or a member of the Tenants' Panel, look out for the short surveys heading your way soon. The surveys will be an opportunity to provide the Council with your views on a range of issues, including your neighbourhood, Council housing consultations, ETF and what you would like to learn more about. We would encourage you to complete the surveys. For further information, please phone Sam Reeves on 0131 529 7805 or email sam.reeves@edinburgh.co.uk.

Tenant Advisers Wanted!

The Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR) is looking to recruit 12 tenant advisors who will help provide a tenants' perspective in its work. The Regulator wants to understand what is important to tenants and this is why it is looking to appoint volunteer tenant advisors to provide it with a tenant's perspective. Tenant advisors should be reflective of social housing tenants in Scotland and so the Regulator welcomes applications from people of all ages, backgrounds, communities and areas. It encourages applications from under-represented groups including ethnic minorities, disabled people and lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender people. The Regulator will be working alongside the Tenants Information Service (TIS) to support the recruitment of tenant advisors. If you are interested, contact TIS on 0141 248 1242 or email info@tis.org.uk to have a short application form sent out to you. You can visit the TIS website at www.tis.org.uk and download the full information pack. Applications need to be returned to TIS by **12 noon on Wednesday 16th March 2016**. A Basic Disclosure Scotland check is required.

Diary Dates

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

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17 March	OneCity Trust Grant Programme Information Evening for Tenants' Groups, Dunedin Room, City Chambers, High Street, 7.00pm-8.30pm
24 March	Edinburgh RSL Network Meeting, Dunedin Canmore Housing, 1.30pm
25 March	Public Holiday – Office closed
28 March	Public Holiday – Office closed

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18 April	Public Holiday –Office closed
23 April	City of Edinburgh Council Tenants' Conference, Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street, timings to be confirmed

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.