



EDINBURGH TENANTS  
FEDERATION

# Federation Matters

## May 2016

### **Neighbourhood Partnership 'Meet the Funders' Event, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016, Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street, 5.00pm-8.00pm**

There will be a Neighbourhood Partnership 'Meet the Funders' event for voluntary groups in Edinburgh on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016, 5.00pm-8.00pm, Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street**. 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](mailto:maureen.thompson@edinburgh.gov.uk).

### **Federation Meeting, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road, 6.00pm-9.00pm**

The next Federation meeting will take place on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016, 6.00pm-9.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre** and will be divided into two parts. Part one will discuss **ETF Becoming a Charity** which will allow ETF members to have a discussion about the Federation changing its legal structure to become a charity. Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations Council will be present to facilitate discussion and there will be a vote of member groups. Part two will discuss the City of Edinburgh Council's Lettings Policy, where Council staff will be in attendance to introduce the Policy followed by group discussions. You can book online via [www.edinburghtenants.org.uk](http://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk), contact the Federation office on 0131 475 2509 or email [info@edinburghtenants.org.uk](mailto:info@edinburghtenants.org.uk).

### **Scottish Social Housing Charter Review, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2016, 11.00am-3.00pm, Victoria Quay**

Would you like to have a say in helping to shape the next Scottish Social Housing Charter? The Scottish Government is holding an event for tenants and landlords to have their say on the Charter and help shape the next Charter which will come into effect in April 2017. The event will take place on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2016, 11.00am-3.00pm, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ**. Discussions will include the impact of the current Charter and additions to the Charter. If you would like to attend or would like more information, please contact Michael Boal, Scottish Government on 0131 244 0643 or email [michael.boal@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:michael.boal@scotland.gsi.gov.uk).

### **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. 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](mailto: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 the nomination form (being sent out soon) and supporting statement by **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016**.

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## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016**.

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

ETF's Annual General Meeting (AGM) is one of the highlights of the year and this year promises to be no exception. This year will be slightly different as it will include a Conference beforehand. The theme of this year's Conference is *The Big Conversation* and will take place on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2016, 10.00am-1.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road**. Lunch will be provided. This will be followed by our AGM which will take place from **2.00pm-3.00pm**. 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. The AGM will be followed by a small social event at **3.00pm** 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. Bookings should be made by **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016** by email to [info@edinburghtenants.org.uk](mailto:info@edinburghtenants.org.uk), by phone on 0131 475 2509 or online at [www.edinburghtenants.org.uk](http://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk).

## City of Edinburgh Council Tenant Discount Scheme

The City of Edinburgh Council has recently launched a Tenant Discount Scheme with the aim of trying to save money for tenants. The Tenant Discount Scheme which was launched in partnership with Travis Perkins will allow tenants to use their rent payment cards to access discounts on a wide range of products in seven different locations throughout Edinburgh. This discount scheme was prioritised by tenants in the recent Rent Consultation. If you would like more information please contact 0131 529 3423 or email [housing.research@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:housing.research@edinburgh.gov.uk).

### Diary Dates

#### May 2016

12 May	Meet the Funders, Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street, 5.00pm-8.00pm
20 May	Deadline for amendments to ETF's constitutions
<b>23 May</b>	<b>Public Holiday - Office closed</b>
24 May	Federation Meeting, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road, 6.00pm-9.00pm

#### June 2016

2 June	Scottish Social Housing Charter Review, Victoria Quay, EH6 6QQ, 11.00am-3.00pm
3 June	Deadline for Membership Renewals, nominations to the Federation's EC and motions for consideration at ETF's AGM
10 June	Places must be booked for ETF's Conference and AGM
18 June	ETF Conference and AGM, Norton Park Conference Centre, 10.00am-4.00pm. <b>Places must be booked in advance by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016</b>

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.