



EDINBURGH TENANTS
FEDERATION

Federation Matters

June 2016

Update from May Federation Meeting

Thank you to all our members, associate members and individuals who attended our Federation meeting in May. We are pleased to report that members approved a move towards ETF becoming a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). Further discussions will take place with ETF members on this subject in due course. Watch this space for further details.

UK Volunteer Week 2016

Wednesday 1st June – Sunday 12th June 2016 is UK Volunteer Week, where we celebrate the thousands of people who donate their time to help others. Volunteer Edinburgh asked the public to nominate their 'Tenant Participation Champion' and Registered Tenant Organisations (RTOs) were also nominated for 'Team Awards'. Congratulations to everyone who was nominated and thank you to all our volunteers who give so much of their time to ETF.

ETF Conference and Annual General Meeting, Saturday 18th 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 18th 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 10th June 2016** by email to info@edinburghtenants.org.uk, by phone on 0131 475 2509 or online at www.edinburghtenants.org.uk.

Waste Action Grant

Communities across Edinburgh are being urged to submit their applications to the City of Edinburgh Council for a Waste Action Grant. Environmentally conscious householders, community groups, youth groups and schools are all encouraged to submit an application for funding. Both small and large grants are available to fund eco-friendly projects that will encourage more people in the Capital to reduce, reuse and recycle. A range of funding is available, from smaller grants of £50-£200 to larger grants of £500-£2500. The deadline for applications is **Tuesday 14th June 2016**. If you would like more information, please phone Waste Services on 0131 529 3030 or go online at http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20203/funding_opportunities/650/waste_action_grant.

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Calling all Registered Tenant Organisations in the North, West and East Areas

ETF and the City of Edinburgh Council will be holding three Housing Roadshows in the north, west and east areas over the next couple of months. The first Roadshow will be held in the north area and will take place on **Monday 18th July 2016, Morrisons, 3 Waterfront Broadway, Granton, 9.00am-3.00pm**. The second Roadshow will take place on **Monday 22nd August 2016, Tesco, Meadow Place Road, Corstorphine, 9.00am-3.00pm**. The third Roadshow will be held in the east area and will take place on **Monday 29th August 2016, Sainsburys, 9-10 Meadowbank, Moray Park, 9.00am-3.00pm**. The purpose of the Roadshows is to provide housing information to tenants, promote the support available to tenants, raise awareness of ETF and local Registered Tenant Organisations (RTOs) and promote the Tenants' Panel. If any RTOs in the north, west and east areas can help by sending tenant representatives along to volunteer on the stalls, even for a couple of hours on each of the days, please contact Mark Henry at the Federation Office on 0131 475 2509 or email mark@edinburghtenants.org.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 24th July 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.

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.

Diary Dates

June 2016

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.

July 2016

18 July Housing Roadshow, Morrisons, 3 Waterfront Broadway, Granton, 9.00am-3.00pm

August 2016

22 August Housing Roadshow, Tesco, Meadow Place Road, Corstorphine, 9.00am-3.00pm
29 August Housing Roadshow, Sainsburys, 9-10 Meadowbank, Moray Park, 9.00am-3.00pm

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.