



EDINBURGH TENANTS
FEDERATION

Federation Matters

July 2016

Thank you Lynne

ETF would like to pay a special tribute to Lynne Tait who has stepped down from the Federation's Executive Committee after nearly 20 years. Lynne has been a real stalwart for ETF and her local community of Southhouse and Burdiehouse over many years and she will be a huge loss to the Executive Committee. There will be an article with Lynne in our next edition of *Tenants Voice*, where she will speak about some of the highlights and challenges on being an Executive Committee member and a tenant activist in Edinburgh.

ETF Conference and Annual General Meeting

A huge thank you to everyone who came to our Conference and Annual General Meeting on Saturday 18th June. It was great to see so many in attendance to discuss how ETF can move forward and it was especially pleasing to see so many new faces. We would like to say a special thanks to our army of volunteers who helped out on the day. Congratulations to Mark Mulgrew who was elected onto the Federation's Executive Committee and to Betty Stevenson, Davie Thomson and Maud Wylie who were re-elected. We wish them the very best of luck.

ETF Blog

ETF is delighted to announce that we launched our brand new housing blog at our AGM. The blog will appear on our website and e-newsletter on a monthly basis and will feature stories, reflections and pictures from the world of housing. We are currently looking for people to help tell the story about what is happening in housing in Edinburgh. If you're a tenant, work in housing, interested in community development, or just passionate about where you live why not become one of our guest bloggers? If you are interested in contributing a blog or would like more information, please contact the Federation Office on 0131 475 2509 or email info@edinburghtenants.org.uk. Some useful hints and tips for writing blogs can be found on our website at <http://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk/draft-blog>. Our first guest blogger is Judith Robertson, Chair, Scottish Human Rights Commission and her blog can be found at <http://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk/from-geneva-to-leith-bringing-human-rights-home>.

Volunteer Awards

The Volunteer Centre Awards Ceremony took place on Tuesday 7th June 2016 in the City Chambers. The event was a huge success, particularly for ETF and we would like to congratulate the winners:

- Heather Ford, ETF Executive Committee member won a Volunteer Award for her work with ETF in the Tenant Led Inspection Team, in taking on new challenges on the Executive Committee and in driving forward our work on the human rights and housing project;
- 21st Century Gracemount won a Team Award for their fantastic work in their local area including their local community fairs and increasing community involvement;
- Karma Lennon, Tenants and Residents in Muirhouse won the Tenant Participation Champion Award for setting up the community shop in her local area.

Finally Gateside Tenants and Residents Association were crowned Tenants' Group of the Year at the Tenants Information Service Annual Conference for the fantastic work they do in their local community. Well done to everyone who received an award and thank you to all our ETF volunteers who help out on a daily basis.

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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:

- **Monday 18th July 2016, 9.00am-3.00pm, Morrisons, 3 Waterfront Broadway, Granton;**
- **Monday 22nd August 2016, 9.00am-3.00pm Tesco, Meadow Place Road, Corstorphine;**
- **Monday 29th August 2016, 9.00am-3.00pm, Sainsburys, 9-10 Meadowbank, Moray Park.**

If any Registered Tenant Organisations (RTOs) in the north, west and east areas can help by sending tenant representatives along to volunteer on the stalls, please contact Mark at the Federation Office on 0131 475 2509 or email mark@edinburghtenants.org.uk.

Scottish Social Housing Charter Consultation, Wednesday 3rd August 2016, 5.00pm-7.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road

The Scottish Government recently published a consultation paper on the Scottish Social Housing Charter. ETF will be submitting a response to the consultation and we have organised a session for all tenants on **Wednesday 3rd August 2016, 5.00pm-7.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road**. Refreshments will be available from 4.30pm. If you would like to book a place, please visit ETF's website at www.edinburghtenants.org.uk or contact the Federation office. If you would like more information, please contact Mark at the Federation office on 0131 475 2509 or email mark@edinburghtenants.org.uk. Places are limited and must be booked in advance by **Friday 29th July 2016**.

Membership Renewal

Thank you to all member groups who renewed their membership in time for the AGM. We are still accepting renewals from groups, just complete and return the membership application form. If you require a new form, please contact the Federation office on 0131 475 2509 or email mary@edinburghtenants.org.uk.

Diary Dates

July 2016

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

29 July Deadline for bookings for Scottish Social Housing Charter Consultation

August 2016

3 August Scottish Social Housing Charter Consultation, 5.00pm-7.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road

22 August Housing Roadshow, 9.00am-3.00pm, Tesco, Meadow Place Road, Corstorphine

29 August Housing Roadshow, 9.00am-3.00pm, Sainsburys, 9-10 Meadowbank, Moray Park

September 2016

12 September Federation Meeting, 7.00pm-9.00pm, venue to be confirmed

19 September Public Holiday – Office closed

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.