



EDINBURGH TENANTS
FEDERATION

Federation Matters

August 2016

ETF Blog

ETF's blog was launched at our AGM in June and will appear on our website and e-newsletter on a monthly basis. It will feature stories, reflections and pictures from the world of housing. We are 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, 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>. Judith Robertson, Chair, Scottish Human Rights Commission wrote a blog last month about human rights in housing. This month, we are delighted that Gateside Tenants and Residents Association will be speaking about how they have managed to involve people in their local community. Gateside Tenants and Residents Association were crowned Tenants' Group of the Year at the Tenants Information Service Annual Conference and their blog can be found at <http://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk/build-will-come/>.

Calling all Registered Tenant Organisations in the West and East Areas

ETF and the City of Edinburgh Council will be holding two Housing Roadshows in the west and east areas on:

- **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.**

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);
- Promote the Tenants' Panel.

If any Registered Tenant Organisations (RTOs) in the 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 at the Federation Office on 0131 475 2509 or email mark@edinburghtenants.org.uk.

Membership Renewal

Thank you to all member groups who renewed their membership in time for the AGM. We are still accepting renewals from groups and applications from groups who want to become members. 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.

Easy Fundraising

Easy Fundraising is a simple way to raise funds for a good cause and their website allows you to register a fundraising cause. Furthermore, by promoting the site and getting your supporters to use it for online shopping, monies can be generated for your group, charity or tenants and residents group. To find out more, visit the website at www.easyfundraising.org.uk.

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City of Edinburgh Council Tenant Discount Scheme

The City of Edinburgh Council has 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. If you would like more information please contact 0131 529 3423, email housing.research@edinburgh.gov.uk or go online at <http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/edinburghtenantcard>.

ETF Learning Sessions

ETF will shortly be organising a number of learning sessions on a range of subjects. Members of groups and individuals tenants can also attend these sessions. Confirmation of the date, time and venue for the sessions as well as details on how to book places will be included soon.

Watch this space for further details.

Advanced notice - Federation Meeting, Monday 12th September 2016, 7.00pm-9.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road

The next Federation Meeting will take place on **Monday 12th September 2016, 7.00pm-9.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road**. The meeting will consider what changes need to be made to the constitution to take into account, including:

- The role of individuals in ETF and ideas for future membership;
- Other key changes required for ETF to meet Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation status.

Members will also have the chance to hear what ETF has done over the past few months as we discuss our quarterly Progress Report. Come along and support each other to come up with what's best for the future of YOUR Federation. You can book online via

www.edinburghtenants.org.uk, contact the Federation office on 0131 475 2509 or email info@edinburghtenants.org.uk.

Diary Dates

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| 12 September | Federation Meeting, 7.00pm-9.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road |
| 19 September | Public Holiday – Office closed |

October 2016

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| 12 October | Sheltered Housing Conference, time to be confirmed, City Chambers, Royal Mile |
| 29 October | City of Edinburgh Council Tenants' Conference, time to be confirmed, Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street |

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.

Don't forget that Federation Matters, and other Federation publications, can be downloaded from our website at www.edinburghtenants.org.uk. That's all for this month – do get in touch if you need any more information from us about anything mentioned here.


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