



EDINBURGH TENANTS
FEDERATION

Federation Matters

July 2018

ETF's AGM

ETF would like to thank everyone who attended our Annual General Meeting (AGM) this year. It was great to see some new faces and the feedback from the AGM has been very positive. Congratulations to Barbara Stark and Susan Taylor who were elected to join and serve on the Federation's Executive Committee. ETF would also like to give extra special thanks to Councillor Lezley Cameron, Vice Convenor, Housing and Economy Committee, City of Edinburgh Council and Lara Friedman, Social Enterprise Academy who presented awards to our volunteers.

Volunteer Awards

On Wednesday 6th June at the City Chambers on the Royal Mile the Volunteer Awards ceremony was held and it was a great night for ETF. Jimmy Galloway was the special recipient of the Tenant Participation Champion Award for all his hard work he has been involved in. Christine Hudson won an award for setting up weekly digital drop in sessions in her sheltered housing complex. Sharon Robertson won an award for playing a pivotal role in a number of big pieces of work for ETF. Our EC member Nicol Johnstone won an award for all the work he does with the Sheltered Housing Liaison Group. Congratulations to everyone who received an award and thank you to all our ETF volunteers who help out on a daily basis. We could not do it without you.

Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing post-2020 (EESSH2)

In March 2017, the EESSH Review Group was established to consider future energy efficiency milestones. This Group informed proposals for activity post 2020, including setting future EESSH targets, contained within the ***Consultation on the Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing post-2020 (EESSH2)***.

The consultation plays a crucial part in the Energy Efficient Scotland programme, and its vision to make our homes and buildings warmer, greener and more efficient. The consultation closes on **27th July 2018**, and is available online at:

<https://consult.gov.scot/++preview++/better-homes-division/social-housing-post-2020/useruploads/00534991.pdf>

The Tenants Information Service (TIS) will be holding a free consultation event on **Tuesday 17th July 2018, Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street, EH8 8BG**. To book a place at the event contact Jill Miller on 0141 248 1242 or email jmiller@tis.org.uk

ETF will be holding a session on **Wednesday 18th July, 5.00pm-8.30pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road, Edinburgh EH7 5QY** where you will hear about the consultation and help form ETF's response. To book a place or find out more please contact Mark Henry, Development Worker on 0131 475 2509 or email mark@edinburghtenants.org.uk. You can book a place online at www.edinburghtenants.org.uk. ETF has produced a Briefing Paper about the consultation. Please contact mark@edinburghtenants.org.uk or call 0131 475 2509 for a copy.

Annual Report

All groups will shortly be receiving a copy of the Federation's Annual Report for 2017/2018. If you would like extra copies, please contact the Federation office on 0131 475 2509 or email info@edinburghtenants.org.uk. A copy of our Annual report is on our website at www.edinburghtenants.org.uk.

Visit to Housing Locality Offices

Have you always wanted to find out more about the work of the Council? If so then this could be your chance. The City of Edinburgh Council has arranged for tenants to visit area offices in each of the localities. The main aims of the visits are for tenants to:

- Get to know the work of the housing staff as a result of the move to the four localities;
- Discuss ways to improve the services that Council tenants receive;
- Possible local initiatives to encourage tenant's views on services in every local patch.

The dates, times and venues are as follows:

- Thursday 12th July 2018, 10.00am-1.00pm, North East Locality, 101 Niddrie Mains Road
- Thursday 19th July, 1.00pm-4.00pm, North East Locality, Leith Library, 28-30 Ferry Road

If you wish to book a place at one of the events or would like more information, 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 should have received a copy of the latest edition of *Tenants Voice*. If not, please contact the Federation Office. The deadline for material for the next issue is **Monday 30th July 2018**, 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.

ETF Blog

This month Liz Lowe speaks about Tower Blocks UK, a network for sharing information and resources with groups and individuals who live in, or are concerned about tower block housing safety issues in the UK. Read all about it by visiting our website www.edinburghtenants.org.uk/category/guest-bloggers. If you're 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 at <http://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk/draft-blog/>.

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 please email info@edinburghtenants.org.uk.

Democracy Matters Community Engagement Fund

Democracy Matters' Tenants groups can have a funded conversation about democracy. You can get up to £500 to hold a wee local event for people and it's not taxing to apply for. The Scottish Government Democracy Matters Community Engagement Fund provides grants of up to £300 (in exceptional circumstances up to £500) to small voluntary organisations and community groups in Scotland to help them run an event with a group of five or more people to discuss what matters to them in relation to democracy. To apply and find out more information please visit the website <https://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/funding-and-support/democracy-matters-communityengagement-fund> or contact the ETF office on 0131 475 2509 for any help on how to apply.

Diary Dates

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| 12 th July | Visit to North East Locality Office, 10am-1pm, 101 Niddrie Mains Road |
| 17 th July | TIS Event on EESSH2, Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street, EH8 8BG |
| 18 th July | EESSU2 Consultation Event, 5pm-8.30pm, Visit to North East Locality Office, Leith Library, 28-30 Ferry Road |
| 27 th July | Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing post-2020 (EESSH2) Consultation Closing Date, Scottish Government |
| 30 th July | Tenants Voice: Call for Articles Deadline. |