



EDINBURGH TENANTS
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Federation Matters

May 2021

Update on ETF office closure

As the country moves into level 3 of lockdown and restrictions start to ease, it is great that we are able to start to think about returning to a bit of normality. At present, the Federation Office remains closed and staff continue to work from home. Although these restrictions remain in place, ETF is still operating on a daily basis. Staff can be contacted via email at info@edinburghtenants.org.uk or phone 0131 475 2509 and they will do their best to help you. The Albion Trust continues to have ongoing discussions with the Scottish Government, other Norton Park service users and ourselves. We will continue to keep you updated as to when it is safe for Norton Park to re-open. In the meantime, stay safe and take care.

Working online

One of the biggest priorities for ETF moving forward is digital working, participation and training. As we are unable to meet in person and due to current restrictions, all of our work is currently online and we hold our meetings on Zoom and Microsoft Teams. Although restrictions are beginning to ease, it is likely that online work will remain in place for the foreseeable future. If you are uncertain about how to go online for meetings, don't worry as ETF will be able to offer any support you need. If you have a smartphone, tablet or computer and would like to take part or know more, please email mark@edinburghtenants.org.uk or phone 07918 742468.

Tenants Voice

You should all have received copies of the March edition of *Tenants Voice*. If anyone would like to request extra copies, please contact the Federation Office by emailing info@edinburghtenants.org.uk or phone 0131 475 2509. A copy of *Tenants Voice* is available online at <https://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk/tenants-voice-march-2021/>.

ETF Membership Renewals

ETF is still accepting both Member Group and Non-Voting Individual applications. If you would like an application form, please contact ETF's Office Manager Mary Callaghan by emailing mary@edinburghtenants.org.uk or phone 07918 660726.

ETF Blog

Are you a tenant, employed in the housing sector, enthusiastic about where you live or interested in community development, then why not become a guest blogger? 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/>.

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OneCity Trust

The OneCity Trust's main grant funding application programme is open for funding equality and social inclusion projects, who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Social Inclusion;
- Cultural and Community Bridging;
- Civic Inclusion.

Applications to the OneCity Trust will be looked at from organisations that involve City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) tenants or from organisations aiming to benefit geographical areas with a high proportion of CEC homes. Overall, the Trust aims to proceed with 10-15 grants, of between £10,000-£15,000.

Applications are available online at <https://onecitytrust.com/grant-funding-programme/>. You can find out more by emailing Elaine McCafferty at elaine@onecitytrust.com or phoning 0131 469 3856. The deadline for applications is **Friday 7th May 2021, 5.00pm** and projects should commence on Monday 2nd August 2021 and run for up to one year.

Tackling Domestic Abuse

The Scottish Government has passed legislation giving more powers to police, courts and social landlords to protect people at risk of domestic abuse.

The Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Bill will enable police and courts to ban suspected abusers from re-entering the home and from approaching or contacting the person at risk for a period of time to enable them to consider their longer-term options around safety and housing. You can find out more about the Bill online at

<https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/bills/domestic-abuse-protection-scotland-bill>.

IT Equipment

The University of Edinburgh IT re-use project is keen to donate more desktops, laptops, phones and tablets to local community organisations. You can find out more by emailing

SRS.Department@ed.ac.uk, phoning 0131 651 3000 or go online at

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/sustainability/news/2020/it-reuse-project>.

Diary Dates

May 2021

7th May

Deadline for OneCity Trust Grant Applications

24th May

Public Holiday - Office closed

June 2021

23rd June

Federation Meeting – Details to be confirmed

Contact the Federation office on 0131 475 2509 for more information. Don't forget that *Federation Matters* and other Federation publications can be downloaded from our website at www.edinburghtenants.org.uk. Do get in touch if you need any more information from us about anything mentioned here.

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