

Federation Matters

August 2022

A New Office for ETF

After months of preparation work, we're pleased to announce that ETF have finally moved office premises. A small gathering was held by Executive Committee (EC) members and staff to celebrate the move and everyone is delighted with the new office premises. ETF are still based in the Norton Park Centre at Albion Road but have moved from the ground floor to new offices on the second floor; so only a short lift ride of a difference. Staff will continue to work from home and come into the office when necessary. Nonetheless, ETF continues to operate on a daily basis and staff can be contacted at info@edinburghtenants.org.uk or phone 0131 475 2509.

ETF's First Blended Members' Meeting

ETF would like to thank everyone who took part in the Federation's first Blended Members' Meeting which was held in the Edinburgh Quaker House at the end of June. As a result of the pandemic, all of ETF's events have been held online for the past two and a half years, so it was nice to be able to take part in a face-to-face event. ETF would also like to thank our guest speakers Debbie McLachlan, Senior Services Manager, Penumbra and Jacqueline Hay, Services Manager, Penumbra and it was great to hear about the work that Penumbra carries out to help tenants, who suffer from mental health issues with housing problems.

Advance Notice – ETF Annual General Meeting

Preparations are now underway for ETF's forthcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM). All Member Groups will have received an invitation to submit proposed resolutions and amendments to the constitution. These need to be submitted to the Federation Office no later than **Friday 5th August 2022**. If you have any queries, please email ETF's Office Manager Mary Callaghan at mary@edinburghtenants.org.uk or phone 0131 475 2509.

We are hoping that this year's AGM will be a Blended Meeting and we're busy making the necessary preparations to allow this to happen. The date, time and venue will be confirmed in the next few weeks. Further information, including details about how you can renew your group and individual memberships will be sent out in due course.

ETF High Flats Meeting, Monday 29th August 2022, 7.00pm, Birnies Court Community Room, Muirhouse View

The next ETF High Flats Meeting will take place on **Monday 29th August 2022, 7.00pm, Birnies Court Community Room, Muirhouse View**. The guest speaker will be Councillor Cammy Day, Leader of the City of Edinburgh Council and he will be giving an update on the Administration's future plans for moving forward. You will be able to give an update on what is happening in your local area. Please use public transport where possible but assistance with transport and childcare may be available on request. To book a place at the meeting or if you have any queries, please email ETF's Development Worker Mark Henry at mark@edinburghtenants.org.uk or phone 07918 742468.

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 email ETF's Development Worker Mark Henry at mark@edinburghtenants.org.uk or phone 07918 742468. Some useful hints and tips for writing blogs can be found at <http://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk/draft-blog/>. For this edition of *Federation Matters*, Robyn Kane, Chair of Moredun Multis and Maisonettes Residents Association and ETF EC member has written about receiving a Hope Award from Morrisons, Moredun. You can read Robyn's blog at <https://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk/hope-award/>.

Tenants Voice

Everyone will shortly be receiving a copy of August's edition of *Tenants Voice*. If anyone would like to request extra copies, or provide feedback on this edition, please contact the Federation Office by email at info@edinburghtenants.org.uk or phone 0131 475 2509.

Scottish Housing Day

Scottish Housing Day will take place on **Wednesday 14th September 2022** and this year's topic will be on sustainable housing. ETF will be organising an event on the day and we will keep you posted on developments. If you have any suggestions about what type of event ETF should organise, please email ETF's Development Worker Mark Henry at mark@edinburghtenants.org.uk or phone 07918 742468. You can find out more about Scottish Housing Day 2022 at <http://www.scottishhousingday.co.uk/>.

City of Edinburgh Council Community Payback Orders consultation

The City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) is currently carrying out a consultation on Community Payback Orders, which are given out by the Court to people convicted of crimes, as an alternative to a prison sentence. You can find out more about the consultation and how to respond to it at <https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/hsc/cpo-2022/>. If you have any queries about the consultation, please email enquiries.criminaljustice@edinburgh.gov.uk.

ETF will be submitting a response to the consultation paper. If you would like to help formulate ETF's response to the consultation, please contact ETF's Development Worker Mark Henry by emailing mark@edinburghtenants.org.uk or phone 07918 742468. The deadline to complete the consultation is **Sunday 25th September 2022**.

Diary Dates

August 2022

5 th August	Deadline to submit proposed resolutions and amendments to ETF's constitution
29 th August	ETF High Flats Meeting, 7.00pm, Birnies Court Community Room, Muirhouse View

September 2022

14 th September	Scottish Housing Day
19 th September	Public Holiday – Office closed
25 th September	Deadline for responses to CEC Community Payback Orders consultation

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.