

Welcome to the April 2023 edition of Federation Matters and thank you very much for reading. Federation Matters is a monthly free newsletter focusing on Edinburgh Tenants Federation's (ETF) work, as well as sharing news and resources from relevant partner organisations. If you have something to share in Federation Matters, or if you want further information on any of the articles please contact ETF by email at [info@edinburghtenants.org.uk](mailto:info@edinburghtenants.org.uk) or by phone on 0131 475 2509.

### **ETF Member Consultation on Scottish Government Proposals: Building Community Wealth in Scotland**

The next event open to ETF members is the consultation on Building Community Wealth in Scotland, this will run at **10am – 12pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at Norton Park**. To book a place at the meeting, please email ETF's Development Officer Mark Henry at [mark@edinburghtenants.org.uk](mailto:mark@edinburghtenants.org.uk) or phone 07918 742 468. Please use public transport where possible but assistance with transport and childcare may be available on request.

### **Next ETF Federation Meeting: A Spotlight on Damp and Mould**

ETF will host our next Federation Meeting at **7pm on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April in Norton Park**, with refreshments being available from 6.30pm onwards. The key topic that will be covered is Damp and Mould. To book a place at the meeting, please email [info@edinburghtenants.org.uk](mailto:info@edinburghtenants.org.uk) or phone 0131 475 2509. Please use public transport where possible but assistance with transport and childcare may be available on request.

### **ETF High Flats Meeting: An Update on Lift Installation**

The next meeting of the ETF High Flats Group will take place on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7.00pm in Birnies Court Community Room, Muirhouse View**. The guest speaker for this meeting will be Andrew Smith, Housing Team Leader who will give an update on the Council's lift Installation Programme for high flats across the city. This meeting is open to any CEC tenant living in a high rise flat and you will be able to give an update on what is happening in your local area. To book a place at the meeting, please email ETF's Development Officer Mark Henry at [mark@edinburghtenants.org.uk](mailto:mark@edinburghtenants.org.uk) or phone 07918 742 468. Please use public transport where possible but assistance with transport and childcare may be available on request.

### **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](mailto:mary@edinburghtenants.org.uk) or phone 0131 475 2509.

## **ETF Support: New Groups/Starting a New Group**

ETF are supporting both existing and new Tenants' and Residents' groups to get up and running, through support with training, funding and more. If you would like any support with setting up a new group or getting an existing one back up and running, please get in touch with ETF Development Officer Shona Agnew by email [shona@edinburghtenants.org.uk](mailto:shona@edinburghtenants.org.uk) or by phone on 07399 584 282.

## **ETF Membership Surveys**

The ETF Membership Surveys will be issued soon, and we would appreciate if you would complete the paper forms or through SurveyMonkey. Your views help to form the future work of the Federation. If you complete and return the forms your name will be entered into a prize draw for a £50 shopping voucher.

## **CEC Estates Improvement Sessions**

ETF representatives will be working with CEC on their Estates Improvement Programme, by attending training sessions on participation with a view to then consulting on the upcoming Estates Improvement Panel. If you would like to know more about this, you can contact ETF Development Officer Shona Agnew by email [shona@edinburghtenants.org.uk](mailto:shona@edinburghtenants.org.uk) or by phone on 07399 584 282.

## **Edible Estates - Growing Edinburgh**

Edible Estates have been funded by City of Edinburgh Council to develop community garden projects around the city including a new community garden at Fidra Court, Muirhouse, which had a consultation event on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March. ETF staff attended and it was wonderful to see the community engagement for this project. If you wish to find out how to get involved, please visit the Edible Estates website - <https://www.edibleestates.co.uk/>.

## **OneCity Trust Main Grants Programme 2023/24**

The OneCity Trust has opened their 2023 Main Grant Funding Programme to small and medium registered charities and constituted community groups, seeking grants between £5,000 and £10,000. The application deadline is 5pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Please visit their website for more information <https://onacitytrust.com/> and contact [admin@onacitytrust.com](mailto:admin@onacitytrust.com) for an application form.

## **How to Get in Touch with ETF**

In addition to email, phone and our website please remember you can follow us on social media – Facebook: [www.facebook.com/EdinburghTenant](https://www.facebook.com/EdinburghTenant) and Twitter: <https://twitter.com/EdinburghTenant> (@EdinburghTenant).

Don't forget that *Federation Matters* and other Federation publications can be downloaded from our website at [www.edinburghtenants.org.uk](http://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk).

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## Diary Dates

### April 2023

6 <sup>th</sup> April	ETF Consultation Building Community Wealth in Scotland – 10am – 12pm, Norton Park Conference Centre
7 <sup>th</sup> April	Good Friday – Office closed
10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Monday – Office closed
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Public Holiday – Office closed
25 <sup>th</sup> April	ETF Meeting – 7pm – Norton Park

### May 2023

1 <sup>st</sup> May	Public Holiday – Office closed
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Public Holiday – Office closed
18 <sup>th</sup> May	TIS/ETF Event (free to TIS Members - 3 spaces per organisation) – Crowne Plaza, Edinburgh
29 <sup>th</sup> May	ETF High Flats Meeting (for High Flats Tenants) – 7pm – Birnies Court, Muirhouse View

  
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