



EDINBURGH TENANTS
FEDERATION

Federation Matters November 2019



Federation Meeting, Wednesday 20th November 2019, 2.00pm-4.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road

The next Federation Meeting will take place on **Wednesday 20th November 2019, 2.00pm-4.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road**. The guest speaker will be Lisa Mallon, Enabling & Partnerships Operations Manager, City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) and she will be giving a talk on CEC's Budget Consultation. There will also be an opportunity to help shape ETF's response to the Budget Consultation. Members will have the chance to find out what other work ETF has been involved in recently as we discuss our Quarterly Progress Report. Please use public transport where possible. Assistance with transport and childcare may be available on request. To attend please book your place online at www.edinburghtenants.org.uk, email info@edinburghtenants.org.uk or phone 0131 475 2509.

ETF Repairs Group Meeting, Wednesday 27th November 2019, 2.00pm-4.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road

The next ETF Repairs Group Meeting will take place on **Wednesday 27th November 2019, 2.00pm-4.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road**. The guest speaker will be confirmed in due course and there will be an opportunity to give an update on what is happening in your area. Please use public transport where possible. Assistance with transport and childcare may be available on request. To attend please book your place online at www.edinburghtenants.org.uk, email info@edinburghtenants.org.uk or phone 0131 475 2509.

ETF High Flats Meeting, Monday 2nd December 2019, 2.00pm-4.00pm, Birnies Court, Muirhouse View

The next ETF High Flats Meeting will take place on **Monday 2nd December 2019, 2.00pm-4.00pm, Birnies Court, Muirhouse View**. The guest speaker will be John Black, Crew Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and he will be giving a talk on fire safety in the run up to Christmas in multi-storey blocks. There will also be an opportunity to give an update on what is happening in your area. Please use public transport where possible. Assistance with transport and childcare may be available on request. To attend please book your place online at www.edinburghtenants.org.uk, email info@edinburghtenants.org.uk or phone 0131 475 2509.

Have Your Say, City of Edinburgh Council Budget Consultation

CEC is currently carrying out their budget consultation which runs until **Wednesday 30th November 2019**. This is an ideal opportunity for tenants to help shape the future of housing in Edinburgh and ETF would encourage tenants to have their say. This can be done in a number of ways:

- Online at <https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/sfc/2020-21-budget-consultation/>;
- Email housing.research@edinburgh.gov.uk;
- By phone on 0131 469 5779;
- By picking up a FREEPOST card from your local Housing Officer, office or library.

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City of Edinburgh Council Draft Tenant Participation Strategy 2020-2023

The City of Edinburgh Council's (CEC's) final stage consultation on its new draft Tenant Participation Strategy for 2020-2023 is now open on CEC's website. Tenants can have their say in a number of ways:

- Online at <https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/sfc/tenantparticipation/>;
- Email tenant.panel@edinburgh.gov.uk;
- By phone on 0131 529 7805.

Through the draft Tenant Participation Strategy, CEC wants to ensure that tenants really:

- Know the different ways they can become involved;
- Can take part and influence decisions if they want to;
- Have the support and resources they need to take part;
- Can help to develop quality services.

Tenants developed these outcomes and a recent survey confirmed they want CEC to continue to aim for these results, with increased transparency and accountability to tenants and greater tenant influence. The closing date for responses is **Friday 10th January 2020**.

ETF Blog

This month, Paul Vaughan, Chair of Gateside Tenants and Residents Association will be speaking about how important it is for volunteers to help with Registered Tenant Organisations and community groups. 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/>.

ETF Annual Report

All groups should have received a copy of the Federation's Annual Report for 2018/2019. If you would like extra copies, please email info@edinburghtenants.org.uk or phone 0131 475 2509. A copy of the Annual Report is available on our website at <http://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk/etf-annual-report-2018-2019/>.

Impact Funding Partners

Is your tenants' groups involved in a project which aims to maximise social, economic and environmental impact for your community? Formerly known as the Voluntary Action Fund, Impact Funding Partners manages funding on behalf of the public sector, private companies and donors and have awarded over £150 million in grants over 37 years. Their main area of expertise is managing funds which tackle inequality in all its forms and equality and diversity is core to their work. To apply and find out more, please visit the website <https://www.impactfundingpartners.com/>, email info@impactfundingpartners.com or phone 01383 620780.

The Scottish Government 'Money Talk Team'

The Scottish Government recently launched the 'Money Talk Team', which is a service aimed at helping low income families to make the most of their household income and avoid paying the 'poverty premium'. Citizens Advice Scotland is delivering this service on behalf of the Scottish Government and is offering free and confidential face-to-face or telephone advice. For further information or to arrange an appointment, please contact Ali Liddy, Account Director, Union Connect by email Ali.Liddy@union.co.uk or phone on 0131 625 6000. You can also contact Georgia Waters, Junior Account Manager, Union Connect by email Georgia.Waters@union.co.uk or phone 0131 625 6000. More information on the Money Talk Team can be found at <http://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk/money-talk-team-campaign-support/>.

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Diary Dates

Here are the dates of upcoming events that may be of interest to you.

November 2019

- 20th November Federation Meeting, 2.00pm-4.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road
- 27th November ETF Repairs Group Meeting, 2.00pm-4.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road
- 30th November Deadline for responses to CEC's Budget Consultation

December 2019

- 2nd December ETF High Flats Group Meeting, 2.00pm-4.00pm, Birnies Court Community Room, Muirhouse View
- 20th December Office closes for Christmas and New Year holidays at 2.00pm

January 2020

- 6th January Office re-opens after the Christmas and New Year holidays at 9.00am
- 10th January Deadline for responses to CEC's Tenant Participation Strategy

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.

This is our last edition of *Federation Matters* for 2019, however there will be a December E-Newsletter circulated. ETF would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and all the best for 2020.



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