

A New Office for ETF

We are very pleased to announce that ETF have moved to another office within Norton Park. Staff have been very busy arranging the new office and we would ask that you remain patient to allow us to continue to do so. Staff have been splitting their time between working from home and in the new office and we will share photos of our new office soon.

Federation Blended Meeting, Wednesday 29th June 2022, Edinburgh Quaker House, 7 Victoria Terrace and Zoom, 7.00pm

It's been a long time coming, but we are delighted to announce that ETF will be holding its first Blended Federation Meeting on **Wednesday 29th June at 7.00pm**. For this meeting, some participants will be **online via Zoom** and others will be in the meeting room. The Blended Federation Meeting will take place in **Edinburgh Quaker House, 7 Victoria Terrace, Edinburgh, EH1 2JL. Edinburgh, EH1 2JL**. The guest speakers will be Debbie McLachlan, Senior Services Manager, Penumbra and Jacqueline Hay, Service Manager, Penumbra who will be speaking about the role of Penumbra in helping people who suffer from mental health with housing issues.

To book a place to attend either online or in person please email ETF's Development Worker Mark Henry at mark@edinburghtenants.org.uk or phone 07918 742468 by **Thursday 23rd June 2022**. There are limited places for those who wish to attend in person. Please let us know if you have any special requests e.g. accessibility requirements (either online or in person, so we can accommodate your needs. Transport is available to the meeting on request and you can also take part in the meeting by phone, just get in touch to book a place and you will be given a number to phone to join at no cost to yourself.

Tenants Voice

Everyone should have received a copy of our most recent edition of *Tenants Voice*. This edition includes a tribute to our former Vice Convenor Maud Wylie, who sadly passed away earlier this year. If anyone would like to request extra copies, please contact ETF's Office Manager Mary Callaghan at mary@edinburghtenants.org.uk or phone 0131 475 2509.

Tenants Voice can be downloaded at <https://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk/tenants-voice-april-2022/>. If you wish to give feedback on this edition or submit an article for our next edition of *Tenants Voice*, please contact ETF's Development Worker Mark Henry at mark@edinburghtenants.org.uk or phone 07918 742468. The deadline for material for the next issue is **Monday 18th July 2022**.

Advance Notice – ETF Annual General Meeting

We are beginning to make plans for ETF's Annual General Meeting (AGM). Further details, including important dates, the format of the AGM and how to renew your ETF membership will be sent to you in the next few weeks. We are hoping that this year's AGM will be a Blended Meeting and we're busy making plans to allow this to happen. We will provide an update when we have more information available.

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Edinburgh Tenants Federation is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) SC048236, regulated by the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR)

ETF response to a New deal for Tenants consultation

ETF recently responded to the Scottish Government's consultation, 'A New Deal for Tenants'. You can download a copy of the response at

<https://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk/etf-response-to-a-new-deal-for-tenants-consultation-april-2022/>.

If you would like a paper copy of ETF's response, please contact ETF's Development Worker Mark Henry at mark@edinburghtenants.org.uk or phone 07918742468.

Volunteers Week 2022

Volunteers Week is taking place between Wednesday 1st and Tuesday 7th June 2022 and it's a chance to recognise the fantastic contribution volunteers make to our communities. Volunteers' Week is supported and celebrated by small grassroots organisations as well as larger, household-name charities, who together run hundreds of activities across the UK. Volunteers' Week 2022 is a time to say thanks and it goes without saying that volunteers have played a key role in the pandemic response. During an exceptionally difficult couple of years, people from all walks of life around the UK have taken the time to volunteer and make a huge difference to their communities – just as they do every year. You can find out more about Volunteers' Week at <https://volunteersweek.org/about-volunteers-week/what-is-volunteers-week/>.

On behalf of everyone at ETF, we would like to say a massive thank you to all our volunteers who give up so much of their time to help and support the Federation on a daily basis. We would like to give particular thanks to our wonderful Executive Committee for all the work they do.

Scottish Child Payment Information Campaign

The Poverty Alliance has recently launched a campaign to help people apply for the Scottish Child Payment. The Scottish Child Payment from Social Security Scotland is worth £80 every four weeks for each eligible child under the age of six. For children aged between six and 16, you may be eligible for a bridging payment. You can apply if you live in Scotland whether you are in work or not. You may be eligible if you are the parent or carer of the child and get certain benefits or tax credits.

You can find out more about the Scottish Child Payment at

<https://www.povertyalliance.org/scottish-child-payment/> or by contacting the Poverty Alliance at admin@povertyalliance.org or phone 0141 353 0440.

Local Government Election

ETF would like to congratulate all the Councillors who were elected to serve in Edinburgh in last month's local government elections. We look forward to working with the new administration and Councillors from each of the respective parties within the Council.

Diary Dates

June 2022

2 nd & 3 rd June	Public Holidays (Queen's Jubilee Celebration) - Office closed
24 th June	Deadline to book a place for Federation Meeting
29 th June	Blended Federation Meeting, 7.00pm, Zoom and Edinburgh Quaker House, 7 Victoria Terrace

July 2022

18 th July	Deadline for articles for <i>Tenants Voice</i>
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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.