

Federation Matters

October 2022

ETF is recruiting

Are you looking for a new challenge and would like to work in a fast-paced and friendly environment? ETF is seeking to recruit a Development Officer to build on the success of ETF to ensure tenants are at the heart of consultation and participation activities and have a meaningful role in shaping City of Edinburgh Council's (CEC's) housing services. For full information on the post, please download our recruitment pack at <https://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk/current-recruitment-september-2022/>. The closing date for applications is **Monday 24th October 2022 at 12.00pm.**

Federation Meeting, Wednesday 5th October 2022, 7.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road

The recent COVID-19 Pandemic, has seen many changes on the way organisations, including ETF and CEC work and provide services. ETF wants to ensure we are delivering our services and supporting Edinburgh's tenants the best we can. To help us do this, we need to hear from you. The Federation Meeting '**Looking to the Future: Priorities for Tenants living in Edinburgh**' will take place on **Wednesday 5th October, 7.00pm-9.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road.** The meeting will be an opportunity for you to tell us if your priorities have changed since the outbreak of the pandemic. We aim to use your feedback to plan for a round table discussion event with CEC Elected Members later in the year. To book a place to attend, please email ETF's Development Worker Mark Henry at mark@edinburghtenants.org.uk or phone 07918 742468. There are limited places for people to attend in person. Please use public transport where possible and assistance with transport and childcare may be available on request.

ETF's Annual General Meeting, Friday 4th November 2022, 7.00pm, Boroughmuir Rugby Club, 2 Meggetland Wynd, Edinburgh EH14 1AS

Preparations continue towards ETF's Annual General Meeting (AGM), which will take place on **Friday 4th November 2022, 7.00pm, 2 Meggetland Wynd, Edinburgh EH14 1AS.** This year's AGM will be a Blended Meeting, where participants will have the choice of taking part in the meeting either online or face-to-face. We are delighted to have Lord Provost, Councillor Robert Aldridge as this year's guest speaker. The formal meeting will be followed by a social event, which will include a Quiz and Disco. To book a place either online or face-to-face, please email info@edinburghtenants.org.uk or phone 0131 475 2509 by **Friday 28th October 2022.**

Everyone should have received their papers for the AGM, which contains information about how to apply to become a member of the Federation and to become an Executive Committee (EC) member. Applications to become a member of ETF and nominations to become an EC member must be received in the Federation office by **Friday 14th October 2022.**

If anyone in your group is interested in becoming an EC member and would like a chat about what is involved, please contact us by emailing info@edinburghtenants.org.uk or phone 0131 475 2509 to find out more.

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Tenants Voice

Everyone should have received a copy of September's edition of *Tenants Voice*. To request additional copies or give feedback on this edition, please contact the Federation Office by email at info@edinburghtenants.org.uk or phone 0131 475 2509. A copy of *Tenants Voice* is available to download at <https://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk/tenants-voice-september-2022/>.

Is your tenants' group involved in an exciting piece of work, are you proud of an initiative that is taking place in your area or would you simply like to share an example of good practice? Articles and letters for publication for December's edition should be emailed to mark@edinburghtenants.org.uk or posted to Edinburgh Tenants Federation, Norton Park, 57 Albion Road, Edinburgh, EH7 5QY. Alternatively give us a call on 07918 742468 if you'd like help to pull an article together. The deadline for material for December's edition is **Monday 31st October 2022**.

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/>. Our most recent blog came from Robyn Kane, Chair of Moredun Multis and Maisonettes Residents Association and ETF EC member who wrote about receiving a Hope Award from Morrisons, Moredun. You can read Robyn's blog at <https://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk/hope-award/>.

CEC Advice Shop

Are you a CEC or Housing Association tenant who is experiencing financial issues or concerns? If so, the Advice Shop is the place to go to for information, advice and assistance with any benefit or financial worries. As a free and independent service, assistance provided is non-judgemental and focused on individual situations. You can contact the Advice Shop on 0131 200 2360 or email advice.shop@edinburgh.gov.uk. You can also go to a locality office and call the Advice Shop from the free phone. The Advice Shop's webpages contain helpful information including links to benefit calculators so you can work out for yourself what you may be entitled to at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/advice-shop.

Diary Dates

October 2022

5 th October	Federation Meeting, Roundtable discussions, 7.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road
14 th October	Deadline for applications to become a member of ETF and nominations to become an EC member
24 th October	Deadline for bookings for ETF's Development Officer's post
28 th October	Deadline for bookings for ETF's AGM
31 st October	Deadline for <i>Tenants Voice</i> articles

November 2022

4 th November	ETF's AGM, Boroughmuir Rugby Club, 2 Meggetland Wynd, Edinburgh EH14 1AS
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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.