

Farwell to Mark

After 13 years, ETF's Development Officer Mark Henry will shortly be leaving the Federation to embark upon a new career. Mark started working with ETF on a temporary contract in April 2010 to cover for the late Nikki Thomson who was seconded to work with the City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) and his post was made permanent a couple of years later. Mark has thoroughly enjoyed his time with ETF. "The past 13 years have been truly wonderful for me and I'm immensely proud of all the work and achievements that the Federation has made in that time. I have been lucky to meet so many inspirational volunteers and colleagues during this time and I've made many lifelong friendships as well." ETF will be hosting a leaving do for Mark on **Thursday 8th June 2023, 4.00pm-6.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road.** If anyone would like to attend and have any dietary requirements, please contact ETF's Office Manager Mary Callaghan by phoning 0131 475 2509 or email mary@edinburghtenants.org.uk by **Tuesday 6th June 2023.** Please use public transport where possible but assistance with transport and childcare may be available on request.

ETF Membership Surveys

All ETF Member Groups and Individual Members who attended an ETF event between April 2022 and March 2023 will have received a survey, asking for you or your group's views on how ETF has performed in the last year. Your feedback is very important to ETF as it helps us to plan our future work. The Federation is funded by CEC through a Service Level Agreement and ETF is obliged to seek the views of our service users as part of our monitoring and evaluation. You have the opportunity to complete the survey either by paper or via Survey Monkey online. Any individual and group surveys completed and returned will be entered into prize draws for £50 shopping vouchers. The deadline for returning the surveys is **Friday 2nd June 2023.**

Committee Roles and Responsibilities Session, Thursday 8th June 2023, 1.30pm-3.30pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road

Are you interested in finding out more about being on a Tenants and Residents Association committee and/or would like to learn more skills? ETF will be holding a Committee Roles and Responsibilities session on **Thursday 8th June 2023, 1.30pm-3.30pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road.** If you would like to attend or would like more information, please contact ETF's Development Officer Shona Agnew by phoning 07399 584282 or email shona@edinburghtenants.org.uk by **Wednesday 7th June 2023.** Please use public transport where possible but assistance with transport and childcare may be available on request.

Tenants Voice

Everyone should have received copies of May'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. You can download a copy of *Tenants Voice* at <https://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk/tenants-voice-may-2023/>.

The deadline for material for the next issue is **Monday 24th July 2023.** Articles and letters for publication should be sent into the Federation office at Norton Park, 57 Albion Road, Edinburgh EH7 5QY, or emailed to info@edinburghtenants.org.uk. Alternatively, give us a call on 0131 475 2509 if you'd like help to pull an article together.

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Public Information Comic

Calling all CEC and Housing Association tenants, ETF are making a Public Information comic and would like to hear from you about your experiences. The themes of the comic are Community and Tackling Stigma and the information received will be used anonymously to create fictional characters for the comic. If you would like to contribute or to find out more information, please contact ETF's Development Officer Shona Agnew by phoning 07399 584282 or email shona@edinburghtenants.org.uk.

TIS National Excellence Awards 2023

TIS recently launched their National Excellence Awards 2023 and is open to any individuals, groups and organisations who are helping to make a difference in their community. Following a review of the awards there are now seven categories, and these are:

- **Young Achiever of the Year**
Inspiring individual under the age of 30 award
- **Outstanding Contribution to Tenant Participation Frances Nelson MBE**
Individual tenant award
- **Outstanding Contribution to Tenant Participation**
Individual housing member of staff award
- **Excellence in Scrutiny Danny Mullen**
Working in partnership award
- **Excellence in Digital Engagement**
Housing organisation award
- **Tenant Group of the Year**
- **Housing Organisation of the Year**

Application forms can be downloaded at <http://tis.org.uk/national-excellence-awards/>. If you have any questions, please contact Fawn Russell by phoning 0131 248 1242 or email frussell@tis.org.uk. The deadline for nominations is **Thursday 27th July 2023**.

Advance Notice – Federation Meeting, follow up to ‘Roundtable discussions’, Tuesday 22nd August 2023, 7.00pm-9.00pm, City Chambers, Royal Mile

As a result of the very successful ‘Roundtable discussions’ meeting, which took place at the end of January, a follow-up event will take place on **Tuesday 22nd August 2023, 7.00pm-9.00pm, City Chambers, Royal Mile**. This follow-up ‘Roundtable discussions’ will allow ETF representatives and elected members to discuss progress being made on the issues identified in January. Further information, including how to book a place will be available soon, so watch this space for further details.

Advance Notice - ETF High Flats Meeting, Monday 28th August 2023, 7.00pm-9.00pm, Birnies Court Community Room, Muirhouse View

The next meeting of the ETF High Flats Group will take place on **Monday 28th August 2023, 7.00pm, Birnies Court Community Room, Muirhouse View**. The guest speaker is Graeme Reid, Operations Manager, CEC and he will be giving an update on the Council's Stock Condition Survey with regards to work being done/will be carried out in high-rise flats. These meetings are 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. Further information including how to book a place will be available soon, so watch this space for further details.

Diary Dates

June 2023

2 nd June	Deadline for completing ETF Membership surveys
6 th June	Deadline for confirming attendance at Mark's leaving do
7 th June	Deadline for confirming attendance at Committee Roles and Responsibilities Session
8 th June	Committee Roles and Responsibilities Session, 1.30pm-3.30pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road
8 th June	Mark's leaving do, 4.00pm-6.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road

July 2023

24 th July	Deadline for <i>Tenants Voice</i> articles
27 th July	Deadline for nomination for TIS National Excellence Awards 2023

August 2023

22 nd August	Follow-up to Federation Meeting, 'Roundtable discussions', 7.00pm-9.00pm, City Chambers, Royal Mile
28 th August	ETF High Flats Meeting, 7.00pm-9.00pm, Birnies Court Community Room Muirhouse View

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.