



EDINBURGH TENANTS
FEDERATION

Federation Matters May 2017

Federation Meeting, Wednesday 17th May 2017, 7.00pm-9.00pm, The Melting Pot, 5 Rose Street

The Federation Meeting will take place on **Wednesday 17th May 2017, 7.00pm - 9.00pm, the Melting Pot, 5 Rose Street**. As you know, the Federation is proposing to change its legal status to become a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) and a draft constitution has been developed by the Executive Committee. The Federation Meeting will be an opportunity for Members to comment on the draft constitution, and raise any outstanding issues in relation to ETF becoming a SCIO. Members will also have the chance to hear what ETF has done over the past few months as we discuss our quarterly Progress Report. For bookings contact the Federation Office on 0131 475 2509, email info@edinburghtenants.org.uk or book online at www.edinburghtenants.org.uk. Please use public transport where possible. Assistance with transport and childcare may be available on request.

Tenant Led Inspection Discussion Groups on Rent Collection Communication

ETF's Tenant Led Inspectors (TLI) would like to invite members of a Registered Tenant Organisation and/or members of the City of Edinburgh Council's Tenants' Panel to attend discussion groups which will explore ways the City of Edinburgh Council communicates with tenants regarding rent collection. The Inspectors would like to hear your views on these communications and the discussion groups should take no longer than 90 minutes. You will be invited to talk about the different ways you have communicated with the Council about rent collection. All information collected during the discussion groups will be treated confidentially. This research will help deliver recommendations to the Council which will improve the way they communicate with tenants with regards to rent collection. If you are interested in taking part in a discussion group or have any queries, please contact Mark Henry, ETF Development Worker on 0131 475 2509 or email mark@edinburghtenants.org.uk.

Your Executive Committee Needs You!

Preparations for ETF's forthcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Friday 16th June 2017 are well underway. One of the main tasks of the AGM is to elect new members to the Federation's Executive Committee (EC). The EC meet on a monthly basis and are involved in decision making on behalf of the Federation and represent the views of tenants when considering housing policies and services. If you think you have the skills to contribute to being an EC member or would like more information contact Clare MacGillivray on 0131 475 2509 or email clare@edinburghtenants.org.uk. If you are interested, firstly speak to your association, because they need to support your application. Your association needs to renew its membership with ETF, complete, sign and return a nomination form and supporting statement by **Friday 2nd June 2017**. Forms will be sent out in due course.

Membership Renewal

It's that time of year again where we ask all our members to renew their membership of the Federation. Renewal forms will shortly be sent out to all members. All member organisations wishing to vote at ETF's Annual General Meeting (AGM) must have renewed their membership by **Friday 2nd June 2017**.

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Annual General Meeting, Friday 16th June 2017, 7.00pm-11.00pm, Boroughmuir Rugby Club, 2 Meggatland Wynd

This year's ETF Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on the evening of **Friday 16th June 2017, 7.00pm-11.00pm, Boroughmuir Rugby Club, 2 Meggatland Wynd**. This is the highlight of the year for ETF and we really hope you will be able to join us. The AGM will be followed by a social with a buffet. All members and their friends and partners are warmly invited to attend. A formal notice and invitation will be sent out shortly but for now please put the date in your diary. **Places must be booked by Friday 9th June 2017**. Watch this space for further details.

Social Security Experience Panels

Earlier this month, Jeane Freeman, MSP and Minister for Social Security launched the Social Security Experience Panels. The Experience Panels will offer an opportunity to those with direct, personal experience of the benefit system to get involved and help shape the future of social security in Scotland. The Scottish Government is looking for people to join the Experience Panels, in particular those with recent experience of benefits, so if you are interested please complete the on-line form at <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/People/fairerscotland/Social-Security/Experience-Panels/> or phone 0800 029 4974. **The closing date to register is Friday 12th May 2017.**

Welcome to Stefan

We are delighted to welcome our new student Stefan Holt to ETF. Stefan is very much looking forward to his placement at ETF. "I'm currently in my second year at the University of Edinburgh studying for my Bachelor of Arts in Community Education. My background is in youth work so I'm keen to gain experience in a new area of community development and new approaches that I can apply to my own practice. I'm looking forward to developing relationships with the groups that ETF work alongside and hope that I can offer my support going forward". Stefan will be with ETF until the beginning of June, so make sure you give him a warm welcome. Stefan's email address is student@edinburghtenants.org.uk.

Diary Dates

Here are dates of upcoming events that may be of interest to you. Please pass them onto other members of your organisation.

May 2017

12 May	Deadline to join Scottish Government Social Security Experience Panel
17 May	Federation Meeting, 7.00pm-9.00pm, the Melting Pot, 5 Rose Street
22 May	Public holiday – Office closed

June 2017

2 June	Deadline for Membership Renewals, nominations to the Federation's EC
9 June	Places must be booked for ETF's AGM
16 June	ETF AGM, 7.00pm-11.00pm, Boroughmuir Rugby Club, 2 Meggatland Wynd. Places must be booked in advance by Friday 9th June 2016

Please use public transport where possible. If required, assistance with transport and childcare may be available on request. Contact the Federation office on 0131 475 2509 for more information or to book a place at any of the events.

Don't forget that Federation Matters, and other Federation publications, can be downloaded from our website at www.edinburghtenants.org.uk. That's all for this month – do get in touch if you need any more information from us about anything mentioned here.


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