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YOU'RE INVITED TO A BIRTHDAY PARTY!



PROSPECT TURNS 30 THIS YEAR AND WE'D LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO OUR BIRTHDAY PARTY TO CELEBRATE.

DATE: TUESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2018

TIME: 7pm – 9.45pm

VENUE: WHALE ARTS, 30 WESTBURN GROVE, EDINBURGH

Bring the family and **enjoy a meal, disco, entertainment, games, raffle** and much more.

Transport is free – just let us know you want to come and we'll collect you and take you home.



ENJOYING YOUR GARDEN IN THE WARM SUMMER SUNSHINE?

If you are on benefits or a low income, you may be eligible for a grant from The Edinburgh Trust to help you buy a lawnmower and/or garden tools so that you can spruce up your garden for summer.



One of our new tenants recently received a grant for £150 for a lawnmower and garden equipment after she moved into a home with a garden for the first time. She is now able to cut her grass and with the support of a local organisation is also creating new flower beds and growing spaces in her garden!

To apply for a grant, contact Fiona at Prospect for an appointment **0131 272 5038** or email fiona.mcluckie@prospectch.org.uk



FUN RUN

This year's Fun Run takes place on Sunday 19th August 2018 with a new Start/ Finish venue at Clovenstone Community Centre. It's still at 10AM with a 5k route for everyone to take part whether you're running, jogging or walking. To register look on www.eventbrite.co.uk for Wester Hailes Fun Run, or ask at our office for an entry form.

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- Email:** enquiries@prospectch.org.uk
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SHARE YOUR PROSPECT STORY

As part of our 30th Birthday celebrations, we are planning to commission a short film and have a photo exhibition charting the progress of Prospect over the last 30 years.

- ? Do you have any photographs of Wester Hailes from years ago?**
- ? What has it meant to you being a Prospect tenant?**

Whether you've been a Prospect tenant for 2 months or 20 years, whether you grew up in Wester Hailes or somewhere else, whether you are young or old – if you have a story to share, please let us know - we'd love to hear it.



SUMMER PLAYDAYS FAMILY FUN ACROSS WESTER HAILES



To celebrate National Play Day, local organisations including many of our partners have come together to put on fun-filled family activity days throughout the summer to promote play for all. All free, everyone welcome!



Saturday 21st July

Murrayburn and Hailesland Play Day at the Greenway

1PM-4PM

A summer fair with Murrayburn and Hailesland Community Park Association with natural play, pop up play spaces from City of Play and the pop-up Garden Kitchen

Saturday 28th July

Calder Day at Calder Community Flat

12PM-4PM

A firm favourite with locals- join the Calders Residents Association for bouncy castles, guerrilla gardening, mural art, and the Garden Kitchen

Saturday 7th July

Woodland Wonderland at Westburn Woods

1PM-4PM

Party time in the woods with New Caledonian Woodlands and friends, including natural play, campfire cooking, bushcraft, zip line, shelter building and much more.

Saturday 14th July

Picnic and Play at WHALE Arts

1PM-3.30PM

Join us for a family picnic, songs, games, rhymes and imaginary play with Lickety Spit Theatre Company. For families with children aged 3-8. Book with WHALE Arts.

Wednesday 1st August

Play Day at Clovenstone Community Centre

1PM-4PM

Play Day returns with loose parts play, water play, tasty food, messy paint, street arts and more.



**FAMILY
FUN!**



WHO'S AT HOME?

The Scottish Parliament has recently ratified the Housing (Scotland) Act 2014. This impacts on the rights you have within your Scottish Secure Tenancy Agreement. We will be writing to you to confirm the changes. Your tenancy rights are affected if you ask permission to:



- Add someone to your tenancy and have a joint tenancy;
- Sublet your property to someone else;
- Assign the tenancy, i.e. pass the tenancy to someone else;
- Succeed the tenancy by a family member or carer if you pass away.

You need permission from us for any of these tenancy change requests to go ahead. The Act introduces a requirement that you and the relevant person need to have been living in the property for 12 months before we give permission and we need to have been informed that they are living there at the start of the 12-month period.

These changes come into effect from 1st November 2019.

BENEFITS AND DEBT ADVICE

- Problems with Housing Benefit, ESA or Universal Credit?
- Been sanctioned, refused benefit or lost your job?
- Struggling financially and could do with a benefit check &/or help with budgeting?
- Have rent arrears or debts you can't manage?



MONDAYS

Clovenstone Community Centre, Clovenstone Park
9.30am – 10.30am Drop In
10.30am – 1pm Appointments

WEDNESDAYS

Wester Hailes Healthy Living Centre
9.30am – 10.00am Drop In
10.00am – 12.30pm Appointments

DROP IN OR MAKE AN APPOINTMENT:

Phone 0131-458-5480
Text 07860047548
Email fiona.mcluckie@prospectch.org.uk

WHAT IS A DISCRETIONARY HOUSING PAYMENT (DHP)?

- A limited fund provided by the Scottish Government aimed to assist those facing hardship who are in receipt of Housing Benefit or Universal Credit Housing Costs.
- The award of a DHP is a discretionary decision and there is no statutory right to a payment (except for Under Occupancy). Each application will be treated strictly on its own merits
- An award which due to limited funding can assist on a temporary basis (except for Under Occupancy)



HOW TO APPLY FOR A DISCRETIONARY HOUSING PAYMENT

- 1 Contact Fiona at Prospect for help to apply.
- 2 You can download an application form at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/discretionaryhousingpayments and return by email to dhp@edinburgh.gov.uk. You can also send the application form by post to **The City of Edinburgh Council, PO Box 12331, Edinburgh, EH7 9DN** or hand the form into a localities office.
- 3 By contacting the council's contact centre on **0131 608 1111** and asking for an application form to be sent to you.
- 4 By requesting an application form via email at dhp@edinburgh.gov.uk
- 5 By collecting an application form at your nearest localities office.
- 6 If you are affected by Under Occupancy, then the Scottish Government fully mitigates this with a Discretionary Housing payment. This payment can be requested by telephoning **0131 608 1111** or in writing. No application form is required.

WHO CAN APPLY FOR A DISCRETIONARY HOUSING PAYMENT (DHP)?

You can apply if you are:

- In receipt of Housing Benefit or Universal Credit Housing Costs and are having trouble paying your rent due to a shortfall between your rent and Housing Benefit or Universal Credit payments.
- Affected by Under Occupancy.
- If you require a deposit, rent in advance or assistance with removal costs.



CATCH UP WITH PROSPECT

Come along to meet with Housing and Property Staff to look for any issues and answer your questions.

Street	Date	Time
Walkers	Tuesday 7 August	2pm - 3pm
Barn Park Crescent	Thursday 2 August	2pm - 2.30pm
Dumbeg Park	Thursday 2 August	2.30pm - 3pm
Morvenside Close	Thursday 2 August	3pm - 3.30pm
Clovenstone Park (starting at No.12)	Wednesday 8 August	11am - 11.30am
Clovenstone Drive (starting at No. 19)	Wednesday 8 August	11.30am - 12pm
Clovenstone Gardens (starting at No. 1)	Wednesday 8 August	12pm - 12.30pm
Westburn Village & Morvenside (starting at Prospect's office)	Monday 20 August	10am-11.30am



LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES

FOR OLDER PEOPLE (LOOPS)

Are you an older person in Edinburgh? Looking for things to do? Do you work with older people, or are you a carer?

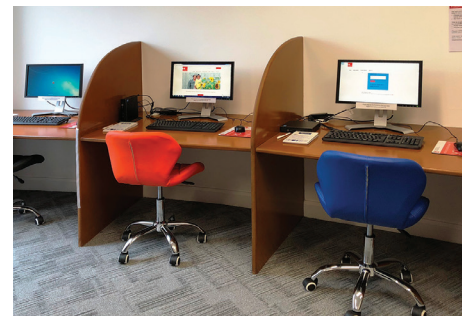


We work with organisations, community groups and projects to help you find out about activities and services in your local area - and how best to access support. If you are looking for activities and events for yourself or for someone you know, then the Local Opportunities for Older People, or LOOPS Project can help you

- Link in with the local community
- Find ways to enjoy time with other people
- Discover what is happening nearby
- Search for something new to learn or do
- Find out about other services

We hold regular information stalls in South West Edinburgh including Wester Hailes Library, where you can chat with LOOPS staff and find out about what's happening near you. Also keep an eye out for Discover: South West Magazine which is published twice per year. You can find previous issues of South West magazine at <http://www.loopsprojects.org.uk/south-west-community-navigator/>

To find out more, contact Graham Smith at Health in Mind on 0131 225 8508 Or email: graham.smith@health-in-mind.org.uk



COMMUNITY ROOM

Our Community Room offers the following facilities to our tenants and local agencies:

- Internet access to check and update benefit awards
- Printer to print wage slips, proof of income etc. for housing benefit
- Phone to contact benefit providers
- Meeting area for small numbers

The room is available to tenants to drop in and use the facilities Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday mornings 9am - 1pm and Wednesday 1pm - 4pm. Mondays 9am - 1pm Staff on hand to help.

OUR VISION:

PROVIDING HOMES AND BUILDING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

OUR VALUES:

PIONEERING RELIABILITY LISTENING FAIRNESS PARTNERSHIP