

Old Town Community Council need new members



YOUR CHANCE TO HAVE A VOICE IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

The Old Town Community Council is seeking nominations to fill vacancies for 11 elected members. People interested in representing their local community are invited to come forward. The community councillors [all resigned in November 2013](#) over the Caltongate planning application.

As a community council member you can get involved in a wide range of activities, comment on planning and licensing applications, take part in community campaigns and work with others to improve the local area.

Community councils receive a grant to cover running costs and training is available. They are represented on each of the city's 12 Neighbourhood Partnerships and work alongside elected members, representatives from NHS Lothian, Police Scotland, the voluntary sector and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Cllr Maureen Child, Communities and Neighbourhoods Convener, said: "By joining your local community council you can make a real difference to your neighbourhood, meet new people, learn new skills and take action on issues raised by local residents."

Nominees for elected members must be 16 years or over and appear on the electoral register for the Old Town Community Council area.

The nomination period began this week and closes on Monday 24 March 2014. If there are more candidates than places, an interim election will be held on Thursday 24 April.

Nomination forms are available from the Returning Officer, online at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/communitycouncils, or in person from Central Library on George IV Bridge.

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