

COMMUNITY GROUPS: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - COMMUNITY GROUPS

SETTING UP A COMMUNITY ORGANISATION

SCOTTISH COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

SCVO also has an Information service where you can contact their officers for free.

Section on Running Your Organisation includes comprehensive advice for voluntary organisations. Includes information on business planning, financial responsibilities, governance, legislation, managing staff and volunteers.

scvo.org.uk/running-your-organisation

SCOTTISH CHARITY REGULATOR

OSCR is the independent registrar for Scotland's charities, including community groups. This is the place to apply online to become a charity. They also have resources to help with topics such as trustee recruitment.

oscr.org.uk

GOOD GOVERNANCE AWARD

Quality standard for Scottish charities. Introduction to Good Governance Programme to support small charities strengthen core governance and a precursor to the full Good Governance Award.

goodgovernanceaward.org.uk

NEW MUSEUM TOOLKIT

This toolkit is designed to help you through the process of setting up a new museum or gallery. Includes big questions to consider on all the different aspects of running a museum.

museumsgalleriesscotland.org.uk/advice/new-museums/introduction-to-starting-a-museum

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE SCOTLAND

The voice of Social Enterprise in Scotland. Their website includes resources for Social Enterprises including practical business support and learning and link to local social enterprise networks.

socialenterprisescotland.org.uk

SENSCOT

Membership organisation which invites donation for their network members. Their main activities involve informing; connecting; consulting; developing and seeking to represent the interests and values of the social enterprise community.

senscot.net

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE UK

UK-wide membership organisation for social enterprises.

socialenterprise.org.uk

CALCULATING COSTS AND RESOURCES

SCOTTISH FUNDRAISING STANDARDS PANEL

Oversees fundraising regulation in Scotland. Provides resources on fundraising standards and scenario examples of types of complaints they receive from the public. Scottish registered charities can sign up to the Fundraising Guarantee.

goodfundraising.scot

WARP IT

Waste action website for surplus goods from organisations (including Historic Environment Scotland). Created to make sure these items can be passed to organisations carrying out charitable activities in a safe and legal manner.

warp-it.co.uk/charities

RESOURCE EFFICIENT SCOTLAND

Offers free One-to-one support to small and medium sized enterprises. Advisors and specialists to help you on your resource efficient journey.

resourceefficientscotland.com/one-one-support

ENERGY SAVINGS TRUST

Offers advice and information for community groups and organisations looking to save energy and associated costs.

energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/communities

WORKING WITH VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEER GUIDANCE

Heritage Volunteers Organisers Scotland and Museums Galleries Scotland updated this toolkit in 2014.

museumsgalleriesscotland.org.uk/advice/volunteers/introduction-to-museum-volunteers

VOLUNTEER SCOTLAND

Scotland's national centre for volunteering supporting organisations and volunteers.

Comprehensive Guidance for working with volunteers and templates for documentation including volunteer agreements and expenses form.

volunteerscotland.net/for-organisations/guidance/all-guidance-and-templates/

FINDING INFORMATION AND SUPPORT

COMMUNITIES CHANNEL

Developed by the Scottish Community Development Centre.

Sharing stories and experience of community groups and organisations and highlighting resources that can help groups in their work. Contains regular news stories.

communityscot.org.uk/about-us

HERITAGE TRUST NETWORK

Membership Body for Building Preservation Trusts. Focussed on saving the UK's heritage assets.

heritagetrustnetwork.org.uk/about-us/areas/scotland

MY PLACE MENTORING

Scottish Civic Trust offer for community groups across Scotland. Designed to build skills and capacity through their free mentoring programme.

myplacescotland.org.uk/my-place-mentoring

FIT FOR THE FUTURE

Environmental sustainability networking bringing together charities, heritage organisations and cultural venues.

Membership organisation involves a yearly payment for unlimited access to their member services.

fftf.org.uk/home

INSPIRING SCOTLAND

A venture philanthropy organisations aimed at charities. Offers services such as a network of professional volunteers to help charities build capacity and overcome problems.

inspiringscotland.org.uk/knowledge-hub

THIRD SECTOR INTERFACES – CONTACT DETAILS

Page by Local Government and Communities Directorate, Scottish Government. Includes websites and contact details for Scotland's 32 third sector interfaces.

gov.scot/publications/third-sector-interfaces-contact-details

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE ECOSYSTEM

Diagram for sources of support for Social Enterprises in Scotland.

senscot.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Social-Enterprise-Ecosystem.pdf

HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS ENTERPRISE

Information on types of support by HIE within its enterprise region. Includes information about Community Account Management, Community Capacity Building and Social Enterprise.

hie.co.uk/community-support/account-management

SCOTTISH ENTERPRISE

Information on types of support by SE within its enterprise region. Includes information on Community co-operatives.

scottish-enterprise.com/support-for-businesses/business-development-and-advice/work-with-other-companies

GETTING YOUR MESSAGE ACROSS

BUILT ENVIRONMENT ADVOCACY TOOLKIT

Advocacy toolkit by Built Environment Forum Scotland. This toolkit gives you tips and ideas on how to make the case for the built environment with your local politicians and councillors as well as raising the profile of your own work and organisation.

bef.s.org.uk/resources/advocacy-toolkit

LOBBYING REGISTER SCOTLAND

Information on registering face-to-face lobbying.

lobbying.scot

INFORMATION COMMISSIONERS OFFICE

Advice for charities on compliance with General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

ico.org.uk/for-organisations/charity

AN INTRODUCTION TO SCOTLAND'S LANGUAGES

Short guide produced by Creative Scotland. Includes links to resources for Gaelic and Scots.

creativescotland.com/__data/assets/pdf_file/0006/36348/Scotlands-Languages.pdf



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