OSCR
Scottish Charity Regulator

Fundraising guidance consultation

The Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) is seeking your views on its draft Fundraising Guidance.

To ensure that our guidance is as robust as possible, we require sector input. Consultation is an essential part of our policy making process. It gives us the opportunity to seek your opinions.

The consultation on our draft Fundraising Guidance is open until 1 December 2017.

Read more about our fundraising guidance consultation here.

Fraud and cybercrime: Prevention tips

Although the number of fraud and cybercrime notifications we get in is low, more organisations are using digital methods of operating and it is essential that charities protect themselves against any potential attacks.

Developed with Police Scotland's Cybercrime Unit, our latest factsheet provides Scottish charities with top tips and highlights sources of further support and advice.

View the 'Fraud and Cybercrime Factsheet' here.

Video: Advice on creating an effective Trustees' Annual Report

Later this year, we will be publishing guidance on how to create an effective Trustees' Annual Report (TAR).

In the meantime, we have produced a video that contains a presentation on the TAR from the 2017 round of 'Meet the Regulator' events. The video was filmed at our Dundee event and is presented by our Head of Professional Advice and Intelligence Laura Anderson, who speaks about what makes a great TAR and highlights some specific examples of TARs that tell a great narrative.

View the video on creating an effective TAR here.

Have your say on Scottish fundraising regulation

New arrangements were introduced for the regulation of **fundraising by charities in Scotland** in 2016. Charities are supported in these arrangements by the **Scottish Fundraising Standards Panel**.

In line with a commitment made when the new system was introduced, an external review of the regulatory system has been commissioned by the Scottish Government.

Your input, through completing a short survey, will help ensure fundraising regulation in Scotland remains fit for purpose.

You can access the survey here -
https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VZTLRMX

The survey is open until 20 October 2017.

SCVO Cyber Essentials Grants Scheme

SCVO are helping charities understand what it means to be cyber resilient and are opening up the SCVO Cyber Essentials Grants Scheme to help small to medium sized charities achieve Cyber Essentials accreditation.

You can apply for the SCVO Cyber Essentials Grant from 9am on 21 September 2017.

To qualify, you must meet the following criteria:

- SCVO Cyber Essentials Grants are available to registered Scottish charities with either their own internal IT support staff or with a contracted IT supplier.
- The maximum annual income threshold to receive the Cyber Essentials Grant is £4 million.
- It is the responsibility of the qualifying organisation to contact and contract a supplier to carry out the accreditation.

Please visit this page for more information about applying for the SCVO Cyber Essentials Grants Scheme.

The application window closing date for round 1 of the scheme is 20 October 2017.

Video: Presentations from Meet the Charity Regulator 2017

Every year, we hold 'Meet the Regulator' events across the country.

These events give attendees the opportunity to ask us questions and in 2017 our presentations contained information on a range of subjects including:

- who we are and what we do
- becoming a SCIO
- our latest guidance
- creating an effective Trustees' Annual Report.

Thanks to everyone who made it along and we look forward to

visiting more locations in 2018.

We have produced a video that was filmed at the Glasgow event containing the presentations from this year's round of events.

Click here to view the 'Meet the Regulator 2017 Presentations' video.

OSCR Annual Review 2016-2017

We have recently published our latest Annual Review, covering the financial year 2016-17.

The document is designed to be an easy-to-read reference, highlighting key facts and figures about our role and impact in the past year.
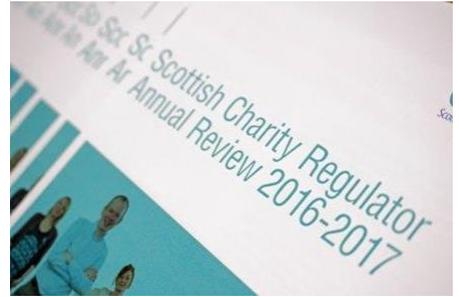
It includes:

- an overview of OSCR's work
- information on our impact throughout the year
- key facts and figures
- a brief financial statement
- the OSCR Board Members and Senior Managers during the period
- details on proposed future activity.

Read our 2016-17 Annual Review here.

Strong interest in charity annual reports and accounts

In August, we published figures that reflect the strong interest in the reports and accounts of Scottish charities.

They show that from April to July 2017, there were 12,455 views of charity accounts published by us on our website. In total, annual reports and accounts from over 4,300 different charities were viewed.

However, this is not the only way that the public can view charity reports and accounts. Charites also have the option to provide a link to this information on their own website. So far, over 2,000 charities have a link to this information on their register entry. In many ways, this is the best option for charities, as they can publish the information without the redaction that OSCR is required to make due to data protection legislation. They can also choose to include other information on the webpage holding the accounts to show the positive impact of their work.

Read more about the interest in charity accounts here.

Publicise your charitable status by using the registration logo

Everyone running a charity should be aware of the legal requirement to promote charitable status to the public.

To help charities do this in a clear and consistent way, we have produced a charity registration logo that can be downloaded **free** of charge and used on a charity's website, email signatures and publications, including hard copy. Every logo contains the individual Scottish charity's number on it.

We have recently updated the logo to say 'Registered SCIO' when the organisation is a SCIO and included monochrome versions of the logo as well.

Read more about how to get your charity's logo here.

Share your story

OSCR loves to promote the good work going on in Scottish charities. We're looking to update the **Charities at Work** section of our website with a small number of case studies to provide the public with an illustration of the sector's impact and diversity. If you believe that your charity gives a great snapshot of some of the fantastic work of the sector, we're keen to hear from you!

A case study would involve:

- a short text description of your charity's work
- if possible, a video interview, filmed by us, with a trustee describing the work of your charity
- some pictures of the charity's work (we may be able to take the pictures if required).

Are you interested? Email info@oscr.org.uk for us to consider your charity.

We're on social media!

Do you or your charity use social media?

Following us is a great way to be kept up-to-date with our latest news. It's also a good opportunity for you to share your experiences and views with the regulator and, through us, the wider sector.
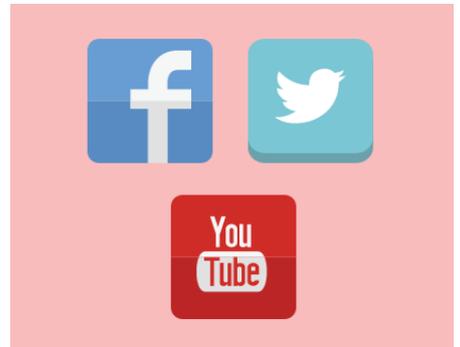
We put regular updates out on our **Facebook** and **Twitter** channels, so why not give us a follow!

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