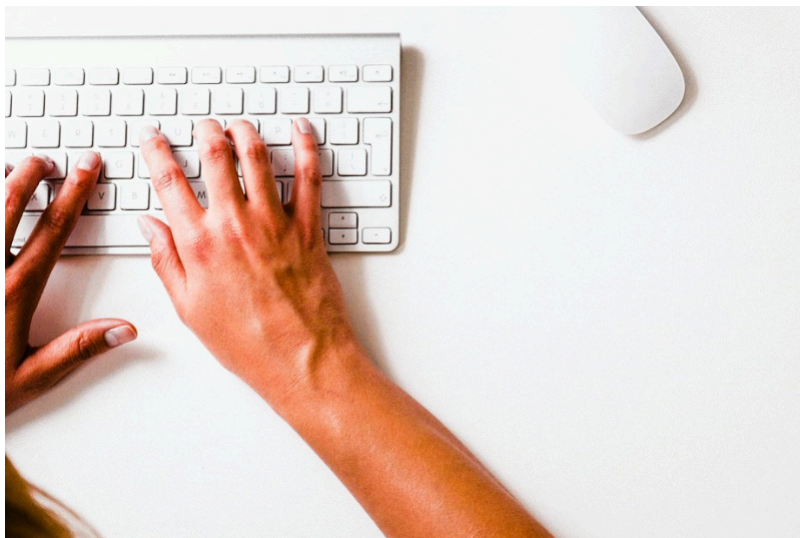# OSCR Reporter - September 2025

Welcome to the OSCR Reporter newsletter, your regular update of the latest charity sector news from the Scottish Charity Regulator.

New OSCR Online features make charity trustee submissions easier

As of 30 June 2025, all Scottish charities are required to submit charity trustee information using OSCR Online. The response so far has been encouraging, with over 3,500 charities already providing their trustee details.

To support charities in meeting this requirement, we've introduced two key improvements to OSCR Online. These updates make it easier to submit information for:

- Charity trustees based outside the UK
- Organisations acting as charity trustees

If you haven't already done so, please log in to OSCR Online and submit your charity's trustee information as soon as possible. [Full instructions on how to provide charity trustee information using OSCR Online are available here](#).

New automatic disqualification rules now in place

From 31 August 2025, [new rules on the automatic disqualification](#) of individuals from acting in Scottish charities came into force under the Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Act 2023.

We published [updated guidance outlining the changes](#) and [announced the change](#) in May 2025. If you have not already done so, please review this guidance and take appropriate action if the new criteria apply to anyone in your charity holding the relevant roles.

The key changes are:

1. The automatic disqualification criteria will now also apply to individuals undertaking a senior management function.

2. The criteria for automatic disqualification has been extended.

Read the automatic disqualification guidance

Exploring Charity Data: A free webinar unlocking insights into Scottish charities

We are hosting a free online webinar titled [Exploring Charity Data: Data at Your Fingertips](#) on Thursday, 25 September 2025 at 10am. This session is designed to help attendees better understand the wealth of publicly available data on Scottish charities and how to make the most of it.

This session will be particularly valuable for those working in local authorities, Third Sector Interfaces (TSIs), researchers, and anyone with an interest in charity data. All are welcome to attend.

[Sign up now](#) to secure your place and start exploring the data that shapes Scotland's charitable sector.

Sign up for the webinar

We are recruiting for a new Board Member

We are currently [seeking one new Board member to join the OSCR Board](). If you are passionate about Scotland's charity sector and believe you can make a meaningful contribution, we encourage you to apply.

We welcome applications from individuals with expertise or knowledge in one or more of one of the following areas:

- Engaging with under-represented groups
- Cyber or digital sectors
- Regulation

[Further information about this position, including information on how to apply, can be found here](). The closing date for applications is 17 September 2025.

Read more about the vacancy

Inquiry Report: Clan Donald Lands Trust (SC007862)

We have published the [findings of our inquiry into the Clan Donald Lands Trust (SC007862)](#) following the decision by the charity's trustees to sell significant landholdings on the open market.

The inquiry, opened in April 2025, focused on the charity trustees' decision making and financial context. OSCR found that the trustees acted within their legal powers and followed appropriate advice. As a result, OSCR will not be intervening and has now closed the inquiry.

Read the inquiry report

More charity sector news

- [Charity Digital](#) provides free and low-cost services to support charities with all things digital, from training and events to sourcing discounted tech. Charity Digital would like to hear from Scottish charities so they can understand your charity's digital needs and develop better digital services for the sector. [Please complete their quick survey here](#) - it takes just 5 minutes to fill in, and is open until 30 September 2025.

- The Charities SORP-making body (which includes representatives from OSCR) has [reflected on the recent consultation and highlighted some of the key issues raised](). The publication of the new SORP, which provides guidance to preparers of charity accounts, is planned for October.

- Are you a third sector organisation in Scotland interested in free support to help you stay safe online? [SCVO]() are running a pilot with [CybAid]() to connect 10 third sector organisations in Scotland with pro-bono cyber security professionals, providing them with free support to help protect their digital data and systems from common threats. Please get in touch with [alison.brogan@scvo.scot]() if you would like to take part.