Trustees' Week special

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

Trustees' Week 9-13 November

Charity trustees make an enormous contribution to Scotland's charities. They're responsible for their charity's governance and strategy, and for making sure it is well run.

Throughout the week, we shared practical information and resources to help trustees understand their responsibilities, make informed decisions and support good governance. Whether you're an experienced trustee, new to the role or thinking about becoming one, our charity trustee guidance is a great place to start, and is available all year round on oscr.org.uk.

Explore the resources provided in this email to help recruit charity trustees, manage your charity and strengthen your governance.

Trustees' Week may be over for another year, but good governance matters all year round.

Watch our latest webinars



Being a Charity Trustee: The Basics



Beyond the Basics: Understanding Board Dynamics



Recruiting charity trustees: Tips for charities

Recruiting the right charity trustees is an important part of running an effective charity. Whether you're looking to fill a vacancy or strengthen your Board, it's important to have a fair, open and well-planned recruitment process.

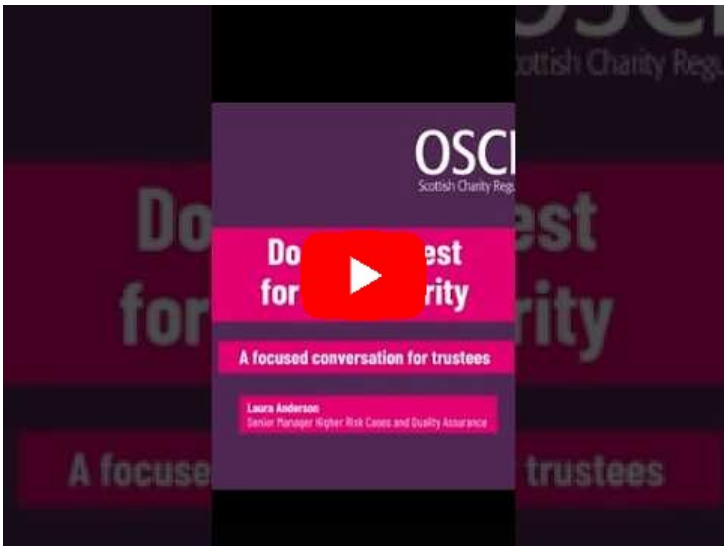
We share practical tips to help charities recruit new trustees, from checking your governing document and identifying the skills you need to selecting suitable candidates.

Get the full guidance on recruiting charity trustees

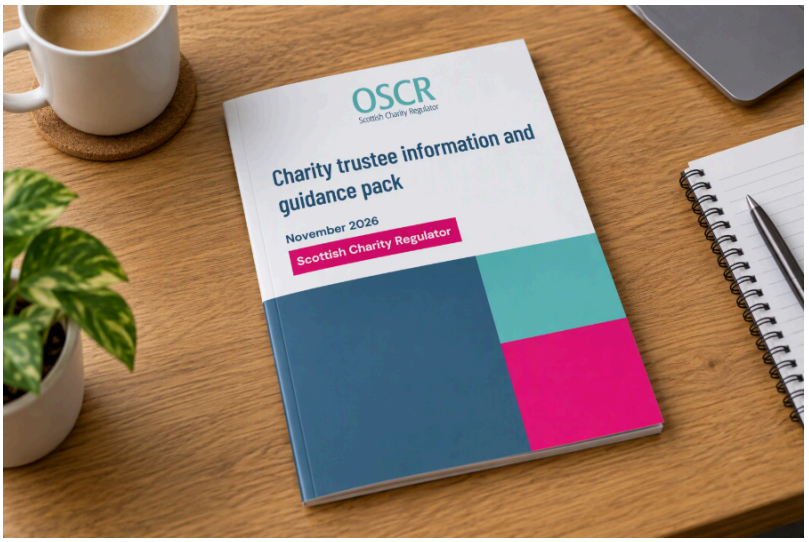
Information for charity trustees



Video: Act with care and diligence



Video: Do what's best for your charity



Charity trustee information & guidance pack

Being a charity trustee comes with important responsibilities, and oscr.org.uk has practical guidance and resources to support you throughout your time as a trustee.

A great place to start is our Trustee information & guidance pack. Answer a few questions about your charity and you'll get a bespoke pack directing you to the OSCR guidance that's relevant to you and your charity.

Download your bespoke guidance



Being a charity trustee: what you need to know

Being a charity trustee comes with important responsibilities. But you don’t need to have all the answers.

We explore some of the key things every charity trustee should know, including why responsibility belongs to the whole trustee board and what trustees should consider when making important decisions.

What charity trustees should know



Healthy board dynamics: keeping influence in balance

Influence can be a real strength on a charity board. But what happens when it starts to replace

collective decision-making?

We look at healthy board dynamics, some of the warning signs to watch for and questions every Board can ask itself.

Questions a Board should ask itself

In other news



New Chair appointed to Scottish Charity Regulator Board

Pauline Radcliffe announced as Chair of the Scottish Charity Regulator Board.

Find out more about OSCR's new Chair



Have your say on OSCR's BSL Plan

We want BSL users to be able to access information about OSCR, understand what we do and contact us when they need to.

We have developed a new draft British Sign Language (BSL) Plan for 2026 to 2031, setting out the actions we propose to take to improve accessibility for BSL users.

We want your feedback



Joint communique from International Charity Regulator leaders

Charity regulators from nine nations gathered in Ireland for a two-day meeting (19-20 October 2026).

Read about the regulator meet-up



New resources to help charities navigate hostility and intolerance

Volunteer Scotland and SCVO have published a new collection of practical resources to help voluntary organisations and community groups navigate hostility and intolerance.

View the new resources

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