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### Trustees' Week: 7-13 November 2016

Trustees' Week is an annual event to showcase the great work that trustees do and highlight opportunities for people from all walks of life to get involved and make a difference.



Many organisations will be sharing their training, both live and online - and much of it for free.

You can find out more about Trustees week on their [website](#) and details of any local events can be viewed [here](#).

### New IT Consumables Framework



A new framework for the provision of IT consumables has recently been awarded and will commence on 1 November 2016. The framework is available to all Charities registered in Scotland.

More information regarding the framework can be found on the Scottish Government Website [here](#).

### Updated Trustee Declaration Form for NEW charities

We have recently updated our Charity Trustee Declaration Forms. They must be used when you apply to become a charity.



These forms allow the people in management and control of the charity – the charity trustees – to assure us that they are aware of their responsibilities and are not disqualified. We can then use the information to carry out checks to ensure people are not disqualified from being a trustee. As the new form also collects further email details we can also email the charity trustees details of registration and charity trustee duties should the organisation be granted charitable status. If you are part way through applying to us, and already have trustee declarations signed on the old format, we can accept these up until the end of November.

[Read more...](#)

## Charities SORP research: Your views are needed



Charities preparing accrued accounts do so in line with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), which OSCR and the Charity Commission for England and Wales (CCEW) are jointly responsible for the development and

maintenance of.

We are currently holding a research exercise intended to identify necessary changes for the next Charities SORP and have published an invitation to comment, setting out five areas where views are sought on how the next SORP could be improved.

[Read more...](#)

## Charities and incorporation: Changes coming soon

One of our commitments as a regulator is to work to improve our services, making sure that they are as efficient and effective as possible.



For some time, we have been concerned about one of the processes that charities can use to "incorporate". Here, we are particularly talking about changing from being an unincorporated association to becoming a SCIO or a company.

We have done some work looking at the process and have decided that from early November of this year onwards, we will only offer one

option for charities looking to incorporate.

[Read more...](#)

## New guidance for charity advisers - Village Halls



We have published new technical guidance for people who are advising village hall charities. This is useful whether the charity is considering making changes to their governing document or is thinking about incorporating as a Scottish

Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) or a company.

Read the guidance [here](#).

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