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Our website has been updated

We'd like to thank everyone who has provided us with feedback on our website since it launched.

Improving our digital services is high on OSCR's agenda and your support really does make a difference.

To improve your experience of using www.oscr.org.uk we have recently made changes to our homepage, news items and register entries.

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Charity regulator welcomes significant jump in use of online services



The number of Scottish charities using our online service, OSCR Online, has risen to 95%, up 14% from this time last year.

The Scottish Charity Regulator is committed to getting all of Scotland's

24,000 charities online.

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The Gathering - 22nd and 23rd February 2017

The Gathering, organised by SCVO, is an unmissable event for people working in the third sector to network, showcase what they do and learn from each other.

Key themes for 2017 include Brexit and the third sector,



digital participation and funding.

We have an event on the first day where will be talking to charity trustees and staff about the importance of narrative reporting and how a great Trustees' Annual Report can really show the public the impact a charity is having.

Come and visit us on stand three throughout the event!

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New videos from OSCR



To make our content more accessible, we've started producing videos.

Our latest videos highlight [how to raise a concern](#) and the [Scottish Charity Register](#).

There will be more coming soon but if you have any suggestions on what videos you'd like to see from OSCR, please [let us know](#).

An archive of all our videos can be found on our [YouTube page](#).

Help for charities through Water and Sewerage Charges Exemption Scheme

Since 2015, the Water and Sewerage Charges Exemption Scheme has helped more than 7,700 charities and amateur sports clubs to save around £4 million every year.



The scheme means eligible charities registered with the Scottish Charity Regulator, as well as community amateur sports clubs with an income of less than £200,000, do not need to pay water and sewerage charges. Those with incomes between £200,000 and £300,000 will pay a reduced rate.

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Charity trustees removed following inquiry



On 23 December 2016, the Court of Session granted our motion to remove the two remaining trustees of Scotia Aid Sierra Leone (SC041617) from any role in the management and

control of the charity, and to appoint a permanent permanent Judicial Factor.

The order for removal has the effect of permanently disqualifying the individuals concerned from acting as charity trustees of any charity.

You can read about the changes in the updated inquiry report on the charity.

[Read more...](#)

Scottish fundraising panel members announced

It will be chaired by Alison Elliot, Associate Director of the Centre for Theology and Public Issues at the University of Edinburgh and a former moderator of the Church of Scotland. The other panel members are Jay Butler, Sheila Logan, Cathy Bell, Val Surgenor, Paul Drury, Ann-Marie Devlin and Michelle Armstrong.



OSCR will be supporting the secretariat function for the panel.

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OSCR is now on Facebook!



We're keen to engage with as many of our stakeholders as possible, and we hope that our new Facebook and our existing Twitter presence support this.

Social Media is a great way to communicate and share our experiences in a less formal, more open fashion. It's also a good opportunity for you to share your experiences and views with the Regulator and, through us, the wider sector.

To follow us on Facebook please click [here](#).

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