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## 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, the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) has 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 an individual Scottish charity's number on it.



[Read more about how to get your charity's logo here.](#)

## Meet the Regulator in Glasgow



Every year, OSCR holds events across the country.

You and your fellow charity trustees are invited to meet OSCR staff, hear about our latest developments and ask questions.

The next event will be held at the **DoubleTree by Hilton in Glasgow on 29 August 2017.**

[For more information about upcoming 'Meet the Regulator' events click here.](#)

## Trustees' Week event in Inverness

To celebrate Trustees' Week in 2017, Scotland's Third Sector Governance Forum will be hosting two events across Scotland, one in Inverness and one in Edinburgh.



The conferences aim to celebrate the work that trustees are doing across the country. There will be inspirational speakers, and informative workshops; but most importantly you'll have the opportunity to talk with other trustees, hear their stories and experience peer-to-peer learning and support.

The Edinburgh event is now fully booked, but there are still a limited number of places left for the **Inverness event on 13 November 2017**.

[To find out more about the Inverness event, click here.](#)

## Annual return submission reminder



We would like to remind the country's charities of the importance of complying with their annual reporting duties.

Scottish charities have different reporting deadlines throughout the year, depending on where they set

their accounting 'year end'.

[Read more about the annual return here.](#)

## Scottish Fundraising Standards Panel launch website

'Good Fundraising' has information on:

- good fundraising standards;
- how the public can make a complaint about a Scottish charity's fundraising; and
- how Scottish charities should manage fundraising complaints.



The site has been designed to be easy to navigate, with clear language used throughout. It also contains useful case studies to encourage best practice.

The Panel hope the website will be a hub of useful information for both charities and members of the public.

[Read more about 'Good Fundraising' here.](#)

## Why we redact accounts



In April 2016 we started to publish the reports and accounts of all charities with an income of £25,000 or more and all Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations (SCIOs).

Transparency and accountability are important drivers for public trust and confidence, and we felt that publishing these reports and accounts would stimulate higher levels of transparency across the sector.

Since then, we have often been asked...

“Why do you redact accounts on the Scottish Charity Register?”

The answer is that our current legislation does not make it possible for us to publish reports and accounts without redacting them first.

[Read more about why we redact accounts here.](#)

## 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!

## Are you ready for data protection reform?



Scottish charities need to prepare for the upcoming changes in data protection legislation.

From 25 May 2018, all businesses and public bodies will have to comply with the General Data

Protection Regulation (GDPR). Although the GDPR shares similarities with the existing UK Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA), it also has some new and different requirements.

**Read about how you can prepare for data protection reform here.**

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