OSCR
Scottish Charity Regulator

OSCR at the Gathering 2022

The Gathering, organised by **SCVO**, is the largest voluntary sector event in the UK.

Over two days, people from the voluntary sector and beyond come together to enjoy a packed programme of over 80 workshops, seminars, and training sessions.
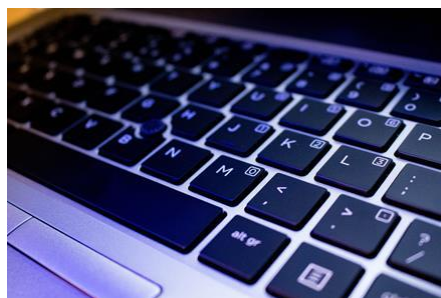
It's free to attend the Gathering as a delegate and everyone is welcome - voluntary sector staff, volunteers, board members and trustees from charities, social enterprises and community groups, politicians, academics and journalists, students and members of the public.

This year, OSCR will be hosting three events at the Gathering:

- Revitalisers of the Lost Trusts (Wednesday 15 June, 09:30-10:30)
- Meet the Charity Regulator (Thursday 16 June, 09:30-10:30)
- Casework deep dive (Thursday 16 June, 14:00-15:00)

You can sign up for the events here. Spaces are limited, so if you are interested please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Improvements to OSCR Online

OSCR Online is the system charities registered in Scotland use to submit annual information that will displayed on the Scottish Charity Register. Launched over a decade ago, it has given thousands of organisations a way to be transparent about their activities throughout the year.

The system is due to be upgraded in the coming weeks. Although it will still be called OSCR Online, it has been rebuilt from the ground

up with a number of new features. The main changes for charity users are:

- A new look
- Charities will be given the option to nominate three individual users to access a charity's record, removing the need to share a charity's login details
- Links to our latest news and social channels

Moving to our improved system will take some time. OSCR Online will temporarily close for around one week to allow us to complete the upgrade. We will give charities advance notice of these dates when they are confirmed, but we would ask any charities with an annual return deadline in June or July to submit annual information now if it is at all possible.

Find out more about OSCR Online changing here.

Inquiry reports

Since the last OSCR Reporter in April, we have published two interim inquiry reports. You can read these reports by clicking on the links below.

- **Interim inquiry report for Dudgeon Park Community Centre (SC031703)**
- **Interim inquiry report for Teddy Bear Foundation (SC035698)**

If you would like to know when we publish future reports please visit our **website** regularly or follow us on **social media**.

Business Plan for 2022-23

OSCR has published its Business Plan for 2022-23.

The Plan is based on our Corporate Plan 2020-23 and reflects our overall ambitions and priorities for the year ahead.

It contains information on:

- our approach
- priorities for the year
- how we will know we are succeeding
- how we will report on progress toward the priorities.

Read the OSCR Business Plan 2022-23 here.

Charity Registration Logo

Did you know that we've created a personalised 'charity registration' logo to help you show the public that you're entered in the Scottish Charity Register?

You can download free of charge and use on your charity's website, email signatures and publications.

To download it, all a charity has to do is visit their entry in the **Scottish Charity Register** and click on the link next to 'OSCR Registration Logo'. We have also produced **guidelines** that explain how it should be used.

Third Sector Governance Code Consultation

The Scottish Governance Code for the Third Sector was developed in 2018 and sets out five broad principles of good governance that act as a point of reference for trustees in carrying out their role. They can be summarised under the following broad headings: Organisational Purpose; Leadership; Behaviour; Control; Effectiveness.

After COVID-19, so much digital change, the climate crisis, and a global demand for greater equality, diversity and inclusion, **Scotland's Third Sector Governance Forum** are looking for your views on whether the Code is still fit for purpose.

You can do this by completing this survey by 30 June 2022.

The survey is designed for those who are currently on a Board or Committee in the role of a Trustee or Director in addition to senior staff and volunteers who work with the Board to run the organisation. It is recommended that you have the **existing Code** available to you while completing the survey.

Trustee Information and Guidance Pack

A charity trustee has clear legal duties to observe, and overall you must act in the charity's best interests and aim to meet its stated purposes.

Our **Trustee Information and Guidance Pack** is designed to provide you with the knowledge you need to run a charity effectively.

It contains:

- An overview of what it means to be a charity trustee
- The key points to running a charity properly
- Sources of help and advice
- The OSCR guidance you need to read that is appropriate for your charity.

To download your pack, please fill in a **short questionnaire here** then click 'Download Trustee Pack'.