



Information for Scout Groups Registering as a Charity



Why be a Charity?

Scout Group Profile in the Community

- Registration with the Charities Regulator endorses that the Scout Group is carrying out its charitable purpose for the public benefit.
- The Scout Group is registered as part of a strong sector that plays a vital role in our society.
- Provides public trust and confidence in the Scout Group.

Benefits for the Scout Group

- The Scout Group has access to resource materials provided by the Charities Regulator, which help each Scout Group to comply with the Charities Act.
- Registration provides autonomy to the Scout Group.

Trustees

- The trustees' role and purpose are understood, as they ensure the Scout Group meets its responsibilities and legal obligations.
- Trustees are seen to act in good faith in the interests of the Scout Group.
- Registration provides evidential proof that the Scout Group trustees are managing the resources of the Scout Group responsibly.
- Trustees are accountable and comply with the law.
- Trustee insurance is available to Scout Groups registered as Charities.

Advantages for Registered Charities

- Greater Access to grants and other funding opportunities
- Better understanding and use of Group Council/Trustee structure
- Registered charities can avail of 50% reduction in bank fees Bank of Ireland and AIB by submitting charity registration letter. (Need to renew fee reduction with bank annually)
- Can register a website domain for free with Hosting Ireland
- Increased Credibility: A charity number adds to an organization's credibility and trustworthiness, which can enhance its ability to attract donations and support from the public.

Tools

- Canva for Non-profits (free design tools and video editing software) – 40+ accounts per Scout Group.
- Google Workspace (free email addresses for Scout Groups).
- Microsoft 365 for Non-profits (free for Scout Groups).
- Mailchimp – for Group newsletters.
- Slack – free Group communications tool for up to 350 users.

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Support and Enquiries

If you have any questions or need assistance with the registration process, please get in touch at **charityregistration@scouts.ie**.