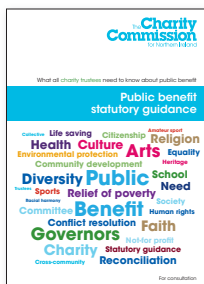


Supporting guidance for charity trustees

Any other charitable purpose

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This supporting guidance must be read alongside the Commission's statutory guidance on public benefit.

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If you choose to read this document in a printed format, you can still use the section headings and page numbers to assist you in moving around the guidance.

We have produced a glossary which provides further information, definitions and descriptions of some key terms. The words in **green type** indicate words that are found in the glossary. You can find these definitions either by downloading the glossary as a separate document or, if you are reading the guidance online, by clicking on the green words which link to the glossary.

Our vision

The Commission's vision is to deliver, in partnership with other key stakeholders in the charitable sector:

'A dynamic and well governed charities sector in which the public has confidence, underpinned by the Commission's effective delivery of its regulatory and advisory role.'

Our values

The Commission aspires to be respected and valued in the execution of its functions and will ensure that in the performance of our role as the charity regulator for Northern Ireland we will be:

Independent: we will maintain independence in our decision making, acting without fear or favour, in the public interest.

Accountable: we will be proactive in accounting to all our stakeholders, which will include involving others on a continuous and appropriate basis and taking responsibility for our decisions.

Proportionate: our actions, procedures and culture will be proportionate to the burden of regulation on charities of different sizes, to the degree of risk involved and to the potential impact within the resources available to us.

Impartial: we will exercise our powers and discretion in a way which is non-partisan and even-handed.

Transparent: we will communicate with and listen to our stakeholders and will be clear about our actions, intentions and expectations.

Consistent: we will act consistently in our decision making.

Equality and accessibility

The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland is totally committed to equality and diversity in all that we do.

We intend to make all of our guidance available to all stakeholders. We will aim to meet all accessibility needs and offer other languages and formats for this guidance, for example Braille or audio or meet any other requirements needed in line with the Commission's Equality Scheme.

If you have any accessibility requirements please contact us.



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Section 1: What is meant by any other charitable purposes?

1.1 Definition

It is impossible to list all potential **charitable purposes**. This heading allows for any activity which is not expressly identified in the **Charities Act** but is similar in nature or **purpose** and may be considered as charitable.

For example, the promotion of industry and commerce for the public benefit, the promotion of the effectiveness of **charities**, the relief of the community from taxes, and the preservation of public order have been recognised as charitable purposes, and remain so.

Section 2: Applying the principles of public benefit to any other charitable purpose

It is impossible to list all potential **charitable purposes**. This wide **purpose** allows for any purposes which are not listed in the **Charities Act** but which have been **established** by the courts to be **charities** in the past or in the future, to be recognised under the legislation.

Whilst the definition of social welfare assists in providing guidance to prove public benefit, the general public benefit principles, detailed on our Statutory Guidance, must also be applied to any organisation with purposes of this nature.

If a charity's purposes are not listed in the main descriptions of purposes in the Charities Act, they may still be charitable because:

- they are charitable under charity case law or are sufficiently similar to purposes that are charitable under charity case law; or
- they fall under those purposes listed in the Recreational Charities Act (NI) 1958.

The purposes set out in the Recreational Charities Act (NI) 1958 are to provide, or assist in the provision of, facilities for recreation or other leisure-time occupation, if the facilities are provided in the interests of **social welfare**.

Examples of provision of facilities are given in the Recreational Charities Act and include area village halls, community centres and women's institutes, and the provision of grounds and buildings to be used for recreation or leisure-time occupation.

Useful publications

Statutory guidance on public benefit

The 'public' and 'benefit' elements supporting guidance

The prevention or relief of poverty supporting guidance

The advancement of education supporting guidance

The advancement of religion supporting guidance

The advancement of health or the saving of lives supporting guidance

The advancement of citizenship or community development supporting guidance

The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science supporting guidance

The advancement of amateur sport supporting guidance

The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation or the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity supporting guidance

The advancement of environmental protection or improvement supporting guidance

The relief of those in need supporting guidance

The advancement of animal welfare supporting guidance

Glossary

Frequently asked questions (FAQs)

For more information on all of our work
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The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (CCNI) is the new regulator of charities in Northern Ireland, a non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department for Social Development.

Our aims

- the Commission aims to develop a regulatory framework in which the public have confidence and in which charities can grow and flourish, clear in the knowledge of their rights and responsibilities;

And

- manage the establishment of the organisation to a statutory non-departmental public body following the full implementation of the **Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008**.

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