

HOW FORSTERS CAN HELP CHARITIES

The Charity group at Forsters has long experience of advising not-for-profit organisations, their trustees and funders. Our clients include start-up charities – making their first approach to the Charity Commission – as well as historic charities which have been in operation for centuries. The client base ranges widely across the voluntary sector and includes religious, educational and arts charities. Forsters' well known property expertise has also enabled us to develop a particular skill in working with charities and not-for-profit organisations with significant real estate assets and other property needs.

PARTICULAR AREAS OF ADVICE:

- We advise wealthy donors on the creation of grant-making trusts as vehicles for individual or family philanthropy.
- We assist charity trustees in complying with their legal duties, including the full implications of the Charities Act 2006.
- Choice of structure: should your charity be a trust, a company, a charitable incorporated organisation?
- Credit Crunch: in recent months we have been involved with advising charities on the problems arising from the recession.
- Employment: problems with staff or volunteers?
- Commercial: we advise on funding agreements and other aspects of the commercial activities of charities and their trading companies.
- Property: our real estate advice ranges from the management of large portfolios of investment properties to sales, acquisitions and relocations of charities.

“The firm’s service is excellent; the performance has been consistent, professional and proactive.”

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CHARITIES TEAM

Craigie Pearson

Craigie focuses on the commercial needs of charities, and has advised on funding arrangements and commercial tie ups, both in the UK and abroad. She spent a year at the Tate Gallery as Acting Head of Legal.



Julian Washington

Julian acts for a wide range of organisations across the voluntary sector and also advises families on their own philanthropic goals. He currently serves as a trustee of Crusaid, as a governor of the St Bride Foundation and as a trustee of grant-making charities and completed 10 years as a school governor.



Andrew Penny

Andrew specialises in advising charity clients (from national institutions to family trusts) and individuals and groups wishing to establish charities with particular interest in constitutional and corporate matters. Andrew is a school governor, church warden and trustee of several charities.



Harriet Atkinson

Harriet is particularly involved with grant-making charities. She also advises on governance issues and on the creation and registration of new charities.



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