

APPLICATION FORM FOR PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Development Trusts are defined as being concerned with locally led, sustainable community regeneration, using enterprise activities to generate their own sources of income.

Provisional membership of Development Trusts Association Scotland (DTAS) is open to emerging development trusts in Scotland and other community based organisations which are able to answer **yes** to the following:

The objectives of the organisation reflect locally identified needs and issues	
The objectives and planned activities cover social aims	
The objectives and planned activities cover economic aims	
The objectives and planned activities cover environmental aims	
The organisation serves a identified geographical area	
The organisation intends to actively engage in income generating activities	
There is a majority community membership of the board	
No statutory organisation(s) involved with the organisation has control over the decision making process	
The organisation will actively seek to work in partnership with the voluntary, community, private and public sector	

If you are unable to answer yes to all the above questions Associate Membership may be more appropriate (see the DTAS website for more details: www.dtascot.org.uk)

Please complete using block capitals

On behalf of the under noted organisation, I wish to apply for provisional membership of Development Trusts Association Scotland. I understand that DTA Scotland is a company limited by guarantee and in the event of the company being wound up while I am member, or within one year thereafter, I agree to contribute such amounts as may be required but not more than £1.

I enclose with our membership application the Memorandum and Articles of Association, Constitution or equivalent for our organisation and a copy of our annual accounts if available

Name of Organisation: _____

Contact Person: _____

Position: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ Postcode: _____

Telephone: _____

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

Please consider the following statements and respond accordingly.

I am happy for DTAS to use information about our organisation in DTAS and DTA England's promotional literature and on the association website after consultation with myself or a representative of my organisation.

Yes No

I am happy for DTAS to give out information about my organisation to other DTAS members.

Yes No

Signature: _____ Date: _____

On behalf of: _____

Provisional Membership can last for up to 3 years
There is no fee for year 1
£30 fee for year 2
£50 fee for year 3

REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

For DTAS to process your application for membership, please provide more information on your organisation by answering the following questions. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at 0131 220 2456 or at membership@dtascot.org.uk.

1. What is the geographical area/community in which your organisation works, and what is the approximate population size of the area ?

2. What type of community does your organisation serve?

Please tick as appropriate

Rural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Urban	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mixed	<input type="checkbox"/>
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3. What is the legal status of your organisation?

Please tick as appropriate

Charity	<input type="checkbox"/>	Company limited by guarantee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Industrial & provident society	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unincorporated association	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other -please specify	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Please enclose a copy of your memorandum & articles of association, constitution or equivalent with this form.

4. When was your organisation established? _____

5. Are any of your funders represented on your Management Committee/Board of Directors?
(If Yes, please give brief details).

Yes

No

6. Does your organisation work in conjunction with any other community, voluntary, private or public sector organisations, or intend to do so in the near future?
(If Yes, please give brief details)

Yes

No

7. Number of paid staff, if any _____

8. Do you have any volunteers excluding Management Committee members?
(If Yes, please state number)

Yes _____

No

9. Areas of work your organisation is involved in - please tick as appropriate.

Advice & support		Festivals & events		Pathways creation/maintenance	
Arts		Forestry/woodland management		Property development	
Business development		Genealogy		Property management	
Catering (including cafes)		Grant giving		Publishing	
Childcare		Harbour management/marina		Recycling	
Community development		Healthcare		Renewable energy	
Community facilities (eg play-parks)		Heritage-natural, built & cultural		Retail-including post office	
Community newsletter		Historic building conservation & management		Sports & recreation	
Community safety		Housing		Tourist accommodation	
Consultancy		ICT services		Tourist information	
Credit union/community finance		Managed workspace		Training & guidance	
Education		Manufacturing		Transport	
Employment		Meeting room hire		Youth work	
Environment		Open space management (eg community gardens)			
Other – please specify					

10. What key projects are you currently pursuing or hoping to pursue? (Please give details)

13. How do you think your organisation might be able to assist other Development Trusts?

e.g: consultancy, mentoring _____

Provisional Members

Provisional membership of the Development Trusts Association Scotland is open to emerging development trusts and community organisations that are clearly committed to becoming development trusts. Development trusts are defined as organisations which are:

Engaged in the economic, environmental and social regeneration of a defined area or community

By this we mean setting up and running an inclusive mix of services or facilities which respond to the needs of a community. Projects undertaken by development trusts include property development, managed workspace, community businesses, arts programmes, sports and leisure facilities, retail and market space, town centre management, building restoration, environmental improvement, community transport, education work, employment training, information services, community development, social provision, health centres, countryside management, horticulture and agriculture, tourism and cultural industries, and so on. Some development trusts also give grants to support such activities, but this by itself does not define an organisation as a development trust.

Development trusts are found in inner cities, on peripheral housing estates, in market and coastal towns, former coalmining areas, rural communities. We all have a defined sense of place. Additionally, for some people community means not just place but also identification with a common group. This may be at least as important as or even more important than identification with the neighbourhood or area in which they live. This is especially true for people from black and ethnic minority groups, and also more generally of groups of people who face intolerance or discrimination and therefore identify themselves as a community because of shared experience. We very much welcome applications from development trusts set up by a “community of interest” as defined in this way.

Aiming for self sufficiency

Development trusts are in the business of sustainable change. As organisations we avoid overdependence on a single funder, and also aim to reduce dependence on grant-aid in the long term. We may create an income-earning asset base, and build up trading operations or contract income. We recognise that in poor communities there is often a “social deficit” and contributions from public or charitable funds may continue to be necessary.

Not for private profit

Surpluses are applied to the social objectives of the development trust, rather than for private gain.

Community based and owned

Development trusts are driven by and accountable to their community in various ways. Some have Boards elected by a ballot of all those in the area, others have a membership base from which elections can be made. Others have arrangements to safeguard balance between sectors, or interest groups. Others involve a mix of people through co-options. And many derive their community legitimacy not only through constitutional arrangements but also from day to day practice – the ways in which we involve local people in our work.

Independent, yet actively involved in partnerships and alliances between the community, voluntary, private and public sectors

Development trusts occupy the place where the business, public, community and voluntary sectors meet. This is a position of unique strength, but also means that for a development trust to realise its potential it must build active alliances with all these sectors. An organisation which works in an isolated, exclusive or sectarian way is not a development trust.

There is no standard organisational form for development trusts. Most register as a company limited by guarantee and in a few cases as an industrial and provident society. Many register as charities.

WHAT YOU GIVE AND WHAT YOU GET

DTA Scotland operates on the principle of mutuality. When you join we not only ask you for your membership fee but also expect you to:

- Share experience and information with other members across the UK
- Welcome enquiries and visits from interested parties
- Attend the annual members' conference
- Support your regional network
- Provide information to DTA Scotland and DTA (UK) about your organisation and your work
- Promote the development trust movement.

As a full or provisional member you can expect a range of benefits including.:

- Access to UK wide network of development trust practitioners
- Access to small grant funds when available
- Access to advice on VAT, Accounts Preparation and Legal Advice
- Members Insurance Scheme
- Reduced delegate fees at national and regional seminars, conferences and training events
- National and regional campaigning on behalf of the development trust movement
- Participation and voting rights within DTA Scotland and DTA

The more you put in the more you get out!