

The Network

Development trusts are part of Scotland's fastest growing regeneration network. They are diverse in nature: large and small, rural and urban, mainland and island based. What development trusts all share in common however is a determination to see their community or neighbourhood flourish, through community-led activity, partnership working and enterprise.

The **Development Trusts Association Scotland (DTAS)** informs, supports and represents this network. As a membership organisation we are able to facilitate this network of dynamic organisations, encouraging the sharing of knowledge and expertise and encouraging mutualism and co-operation.

Benefits of joining the DTAS Network include:

- Annual Conference and networking events
- Regular e-bulletin and topical briefings
- Community Learning Exchange Fund
- Opportunities to participate in community-led development programme pilots
- Access to member specific area and resources on the DTAS website.

Representation

As an increasingly influential and respected organisation, DTAS provides a strong voice, often at the highest levels, for our development trust members. We liaise closely with the Scottish Government and engage with local authorities, funders and other relevant agencies to promote your interests. Our policy objectives and consultation submissions reflect the needs and aspirations of our members – information which we gather in a range of ways.

Members are regularly given the opportunity to contribute to the development of new policy objectives and submissions. DTAS is a member-led organisation directed by a board of directors elected annually from the membership. The staff team and representatives attend and present a large number of external events each year, never missing an opportunity to highlight the impact of our members' work.

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Expertise

The dedicated DTAS team provides information, expert help and light touch support in areas such as governance, organisational development, financial planning and reporting, asset transfer and community ownership, staffing and community shares.

If you have a question, get in touch with us!

Specific offerings include:

- Strategic planning, including our highly regarded SORT-IT session
- Specifically tailored trustee / company director training
- A wide range of DTAS publications, practical resources and tools
- Regular policy and funding updates via our e-bulletin and social media channels.

Saving you money

Saving money by reducing expenditure is always welcome, so DTAS has negotiated deals and developed several partnerships to be able offer our members a range of member benefits and free services.

These include:

- DTAS Group Pension Scheme
- Free legal and HR advice
- Insurance discounts and advice
- Free accountancy and VAT advice
- DTAS Oil Buying Initiative
- DTAS Energy Action Group
- Stationery and equipment discount scheme

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