



10 GOOD REASONS TO JOIN Skye & Lochalsh CVO ...

Our members are vital to everything we do – all our services are developed in response to YOUR needs. We can help your community group or project—no matter what stage you are at... from setting up to helping keeping you up to date and running efficiently

1. GET YOURSELF HEARD

"Thank you for your tireless work as the voice of the local voluntary sector"

If you want to make sure that the policy-makers and Government get to hear about what your group does and about the issues that concern YOUR COMMUNITY—Join us! We are instrumental in adding the voice of the local community and volunteer sector to consultations, Community Planning and Ward Forum.

2. STAY INFORMED

We have been helping the local community for over 60 years and our extensive first hand experience and knowledge is available FREE of charge. Make sure your committee is up to date with legislation and information vital to your groups success—whether you are needing help with getting a project off the ground or have been active for years.

"Always helpful and fully up to date with legislation and funding issues - a fantastic service. Thanks"

3. BRUSH UP YOUR SKILLS

"the outreach session was outstanding—I have already told two other groups of the help you give."

Member groups get priority access to all training and information sessions—tell us what YOUR group needs and we will try and organise it. We also offer OUTREACH sessions in your local area so watch for our adverts in the local paper and book a one-to-one session.

4. HELP WITH FUNDRAISING

Whatever you need to fundraise for—we can help you find suitable financial & development support. After discussing your project we offer FREE Funderfinder searches plus extensive experience of fundraising ourselves. We can offer tips for making effective applications and can even act as your groups referee.

"You give us all so much help and encouragement"

5. TRUST US

We are a Trusted Partner for the CRBS (Central Registered Body in Scotland and can help your group register for Disclosure Checks.

We'd never be here if it wasn't for all your help and support"

6. PROMOTE WHAT YOU DO!

Need to raise your group's profile or recruit more volunteers? Want to tell the local community that you've been successful in fundraising ? Whatever you want to shout about—join us and we can help to get your message across. Add your events to our Local Events Diary on the website and it will be included in our local e-bulletins reaching over 300 subscribers. Or why not showcase your group on our website or use the members newsletter? Members also get a FREE Line Entry in the Community Groups Register.

Just to say a big thank you for our page spread in the Lifebeat supplement...It was a great opportunity to have some free publicity."

7. ONLINE ASSISTANCE

Our online services include the award-winning and comprehensive Community Toolkit packed with all the information your group needs! Download sample policies or guidance notes or share the experience of others in the Local Groups & Projects section. Keep up to date with our Local Events Diary and News pages and sign up to receive the local e-bulletin and Community Toolkit e-bulletin direct to your inbox.

8. SOMEWHERE TO MEET

Need to get people together? Try our low cost room hire in Portree. Suitable for a wide range of purpose—including meetings, training, interviews and drop-in sessions, our fully equipped meeting room has secure Wi-Fi internet access , videoconference facility and flexible layout. *We can even organise the refreshments!*

9. LOW COST PRACTICAL HELP

Join us and pay 50% less! We offer access to a wide range of low cost office services including quality digital copying (including colour up to A3); scanning, laminating, typing and Desk Top Publishing.

10. MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

"INNIS, members newsletter is extremely useful & excellent—especially funding news!"

Quarterly newsletter with updates on a wide range of topics plus the chance to share information with others.

Annual Group Membership of Skye & Lochalsh CVO costs from **just £15.00 a year** for small community groups.

As well as adding your group to the collective voice of the local voluntary sector, Group Membership brings you a host of benefits.

JOIN US

Complete the **GROUP MEMBERSHIP** form or the tear off portion in the Membership leaflet and return along with your remittance to:-

Skye & Lochalsh C.V.O
Tigh Lisigarry Bridge Road Portree,
Isle of Skye IV51 9ER

PAY BY STANDING ORDER

complete & return the Standing Order form *for renewal direct from your bank account*

OR BY CHEQUE (payable to SLCVO)
and renew by invoice

IS YOUR GROUP ELIGIBLE FOR GROUP MEMBERSHIP?

Most of our members are **small local groups** operating for community benefit

including welfare groups, sports & recreation groups, culture & heritage groups, village halls, community councils etc. They can be Unincorporated Associations or incorporated as Company Ltd by Guarantee, CIC etc—they can also be running as social enterprise. Essentially our group members all share the following characteristics:-

not-for-profit

with volunteer involvement *either committee/membership/volunteer help*

have a constitution outlining groups aims & objectives

may have charitable status

Annual Membership £15.00
(annual core income less than £30,000)

Annual Membership £20.00
(annual core income over £30,000)

Not eligible for group membership?

Your organisation can still show your support for the local community by joining us as an Associate Member—or you can join as an individual

Associate Members

annual membership £30.00

(membership discounts do not apply to Associate Membership)

Individual

annual membership £6.00