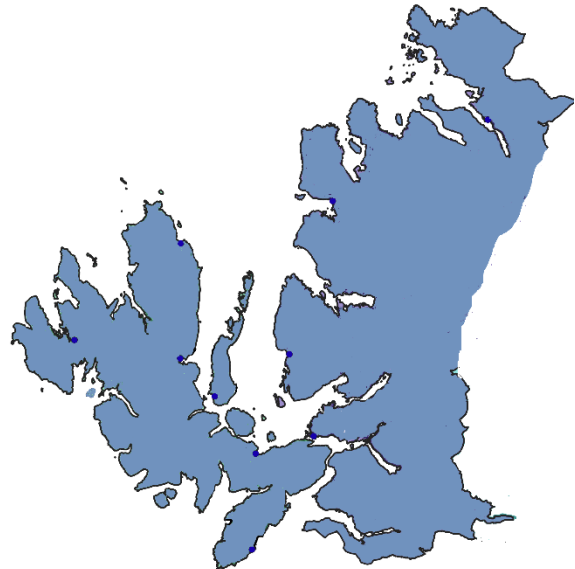


Third Sector Profile for Skye, Lochalsh and Wester Ross, March 2021

Skye and Lochalsh Council for Voluntary Organisations are a rural delivery partner for the Highland Third Sector Interface. We provide free third sector support services across Skye, Lochalsh and Wester Ross, including:

- Supporting the set-up and running of voluntary groups and community-led organisations
- Developing community capacity and training
- Helping people find volunteering opportunities
- Developing volunteering best practice
- Connecting third sector groups to respond to local priorities
- Ensuring there is a strong third sector voice within local planning structures



To help raise awareness of the third sector in Skye, Lochalsh and Wester Ross, SLCVO have created this profile using data extracts from OSCR and Companies House as well as SLCVO's members list. The profile does not include all third sector organisations across the area as some groups are not registered with OSCR, Companies House or SLCVO, being mainly small and informal bodies such as neighbour support groups.

The Area

Skye, Lochalsh and Wester Ross includes 31 Community Councils supporting a population of around 20,000 [Community Councils Scheme review 2018/2019 | Scheme of Establishment FINAL Sept 2019 \(highland.gov.uk\)](https://www.highland.gov.uk/Community-Councils-Scheme-review-2018/2019-Scheme-of-Establishment-FINAL-Sept-2019). The area is predominantly made up of small rural townships, with 38% of the population living within one of the four National Records of Scotland defined settlements (Ullapool, Broadford, Kyle of Lochalsh and Portree) <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files//statistics/settlements-localities/set-loc-16/set-loc-2016-publication-updated.pdf>.

Kyle of Lochalsh and Portree & NE Skye have been identified as Locality areas for targeted work on deprivation and inequalities by the Highland Community Planning Partnership https://www.highland.gov.uk/download/meetings/id/70057/item_5iii_sep_index_%E2%80%93_targeting_partnership_action. The Skye, Lochalsh and Wester Ross Community Partnership are responsible for the development Locality Plans <https://www.highlandcpp.org.uk/skye-lochalsh-west-ross-community-partnership.html>

The area includes Highland Council Wards 5 (Wester Ross, Strathpeffer and Lochalsh) and 10(Eilean a' Cheò). There are 8 Councillors who, amongst other duties, manage the Ward Discretionary fund which third sector groups can apply for https://www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/download/457/grans_-_ward_discretionary_fund

If you would like more information about third sector organisations in the area or how Skye and Lochalsh CVO can help groups please contact the SLCVO team at info@slcvo.org.uk

Community Councils and Population

| Community Council | Population | Community Council | Population |
|----------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Applecross | 211 | Minginish | 521 |
| Aulbea | 643 | Plockton | 495 |
| Broadford & Strath | 1584 | Portree and Braes | 2770 |
| Coigach | 254 | Raasay | 232 |
| Dornie and District | 399 | Sconser | 63 |
| Dunvegan | 529 | Shieldaig | 170 |
| Gairloch | 1109 | Skeabost | 1148 |
| Glendale | 382 | Sleat | 933 |
| Glenelg & Arnisdale | 301 | Staffin | 503 |
| Kilmuir | 374 | Stromeferry and Achmore | 138 |
| Kyle | 751 | Struan | 250 |
| Kyleakin & Kyclerhea | 383 | Torridon and Kinlochewe | 364 |
| Lochcarron | 867 | Uig | 413 |
| Lochalsh | 262 | Waternish | 288 |
| Lochbroom | 2168 | Wester Lochewe | 349 |
| Lochduich | 312 | | |

Data taken from the Highland Council Community Councils Scheme Establishment

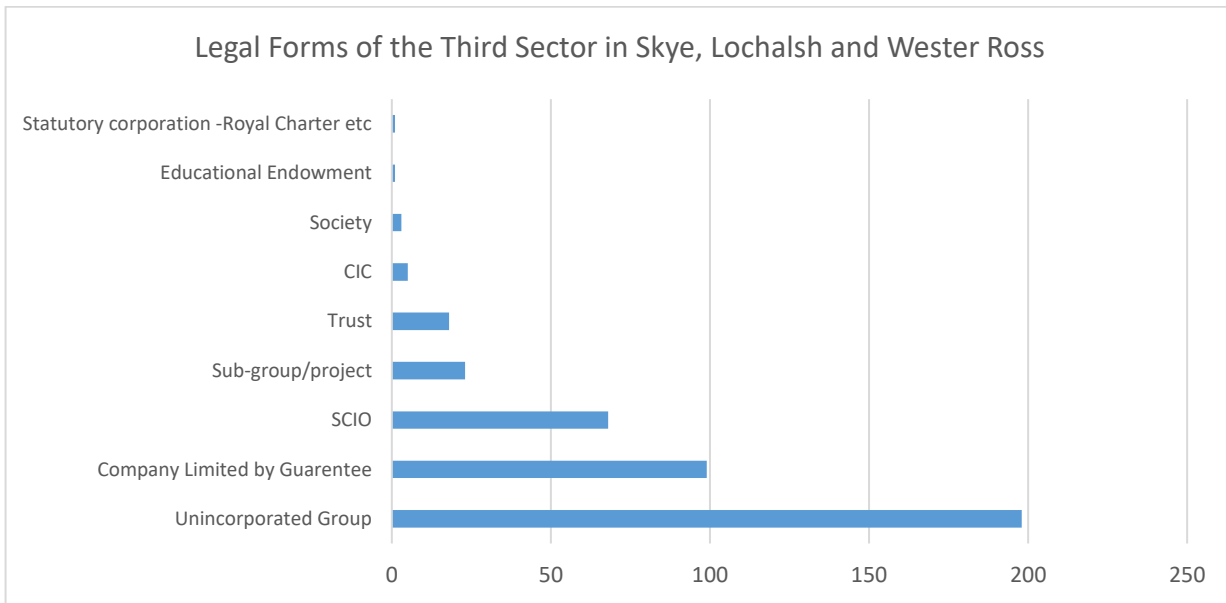
Overview of Third Sector Organisations in Skye, Lochalsh and Wester Ross

- There are 416 community groups registered with OSCR, Companies House and SLCVO
- 272 of these are charities of which
 - 6 are classified as large with an income of over £1million per annum,
 - 41 medium large,
 - 44 medium,
 - 167 are classified as a small organisation with an income of less that £25,000 per annum
 - 14 have not submitted returns to OSCR
- Many groups operate on a local community level including:
 - 49 in Lochalsh
 - 117 in Wester Ross
 - 182 in Skye and Raasay
- 4 groups operate on an international level,
- 1 across Wester Ross and Lochalsh,
- 33 across Lochalsh and Skye,
- 30 across Wester Ross, Lochalsh and Skye

Legal Structures of Third Sector Organisations in in Skye, Lochalsh and Wester Ross

The legal structure of an organisation is separate from its charitable status. Third Sector organisations can be either incorporated (the group has a legal identity of its own) or unincorporated. (the group has no separate legal identity to those running it).

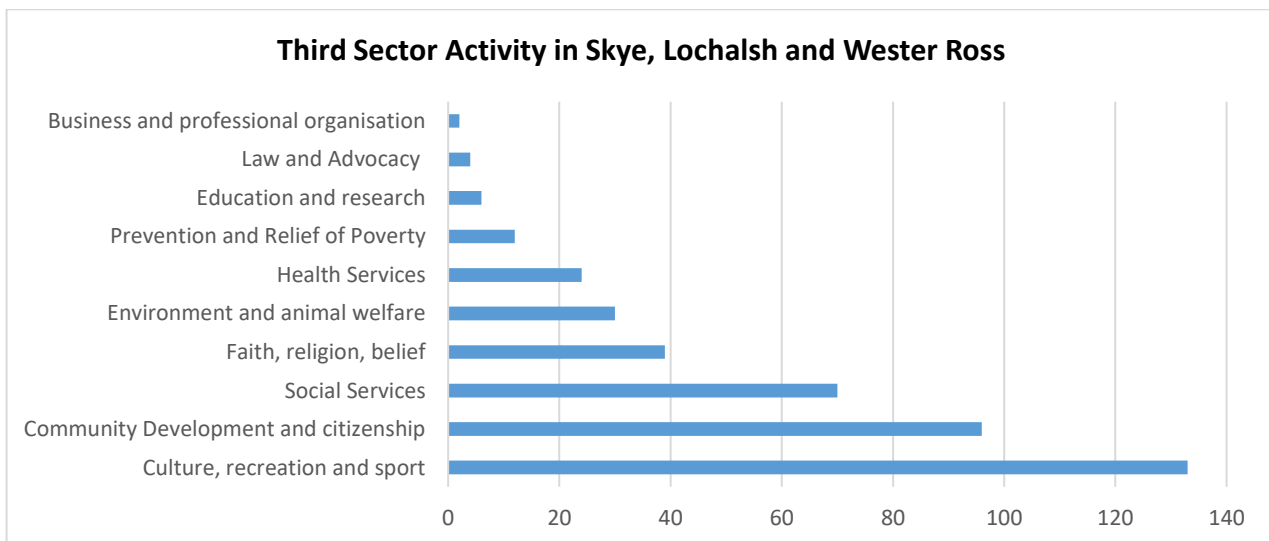
- 48% (198) of third sector groups are unincorporated, of these 108 are charities
- 24% (99) of third sector groups are a Company Limited by Guarantee, of these 76 are charities
- 16% (68) of third sector groups are a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)



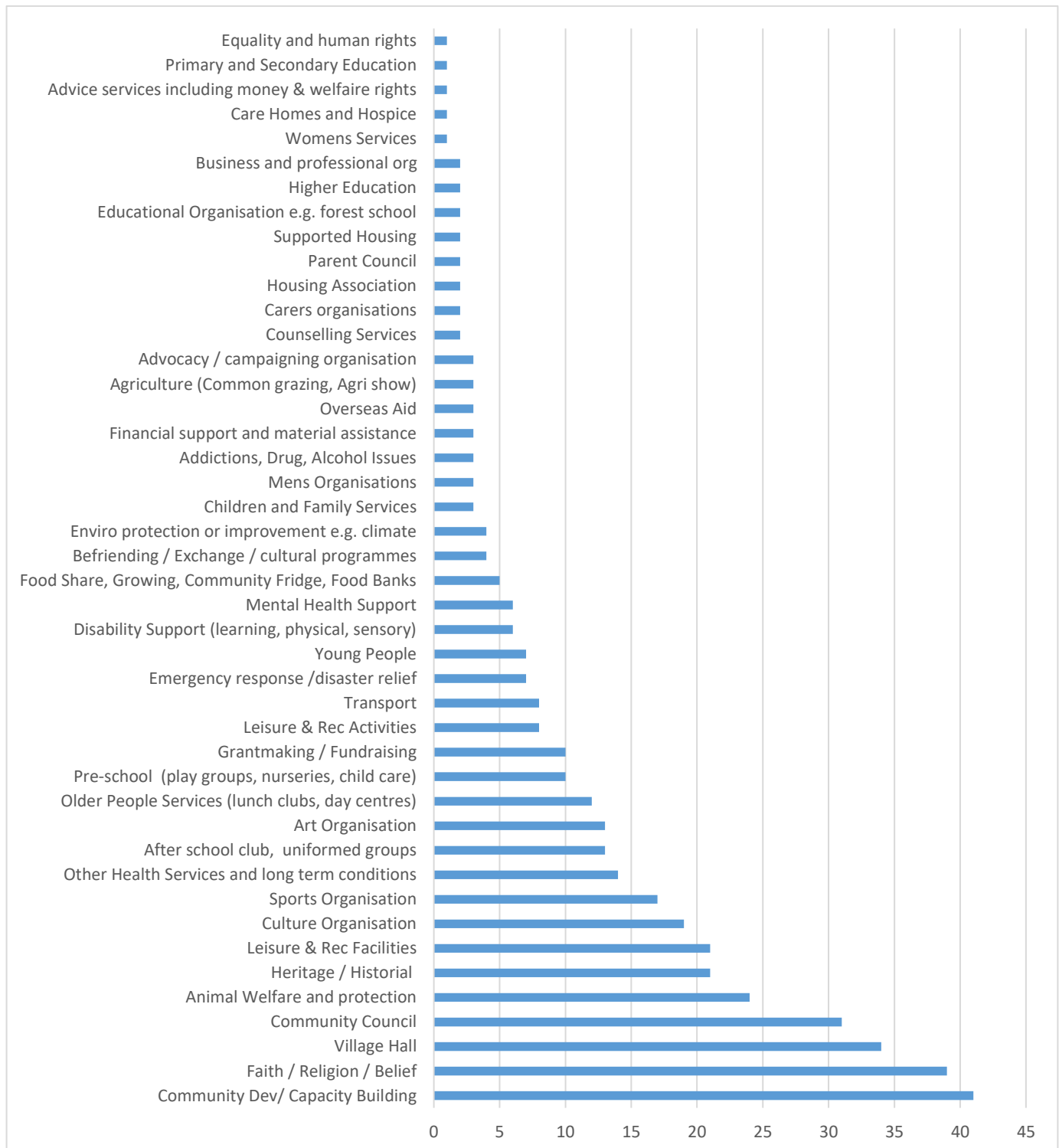
Organisations by Activity

Third Sector Organisations carry out a wide range of activities, this profile has used Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) adapted classification system based on the International Classification of Non-profit Organisations <https://scvo.scot/policy/sector-stats>.

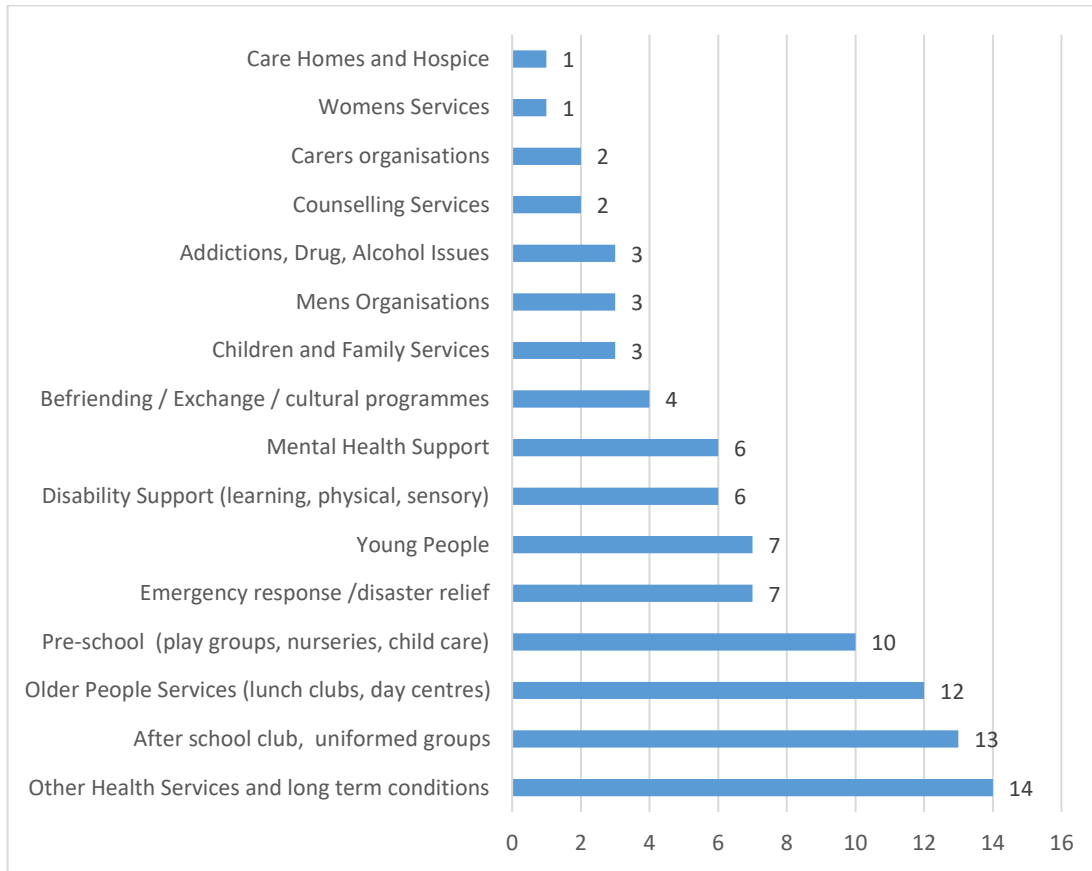
- 133 groups deliver culture, recreation and sport activities
- 96 groups deliver community development and citizenship activities
- 94 groups deliver health and social care activities
- 39 groups deliver faith, religion or belief activities
- 30 groups deliver environment and animal welfare activities
- 12 groups deliver prevention and relief of poverty activities
- 6 groups deliver education and research activities
- 4 groups deliver law and advocacy activities
- 2 groups deliver business and professional organisation activities



All groups by activity



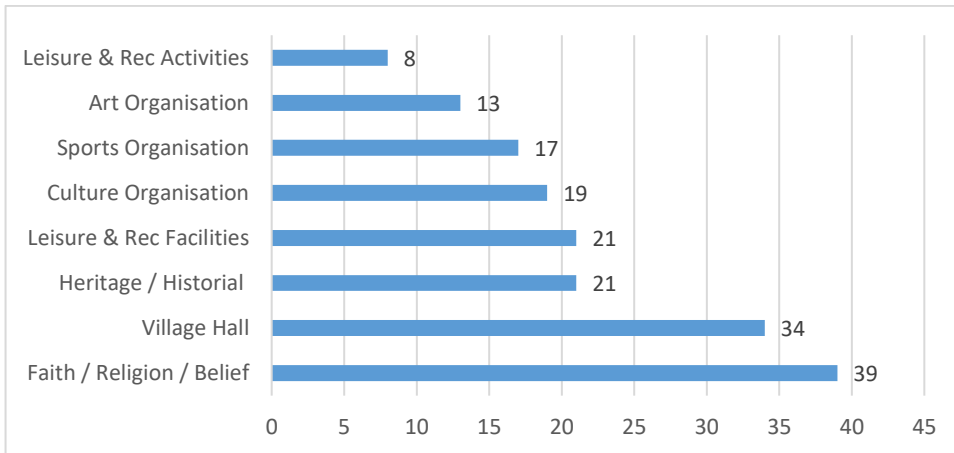
Health and Social Services



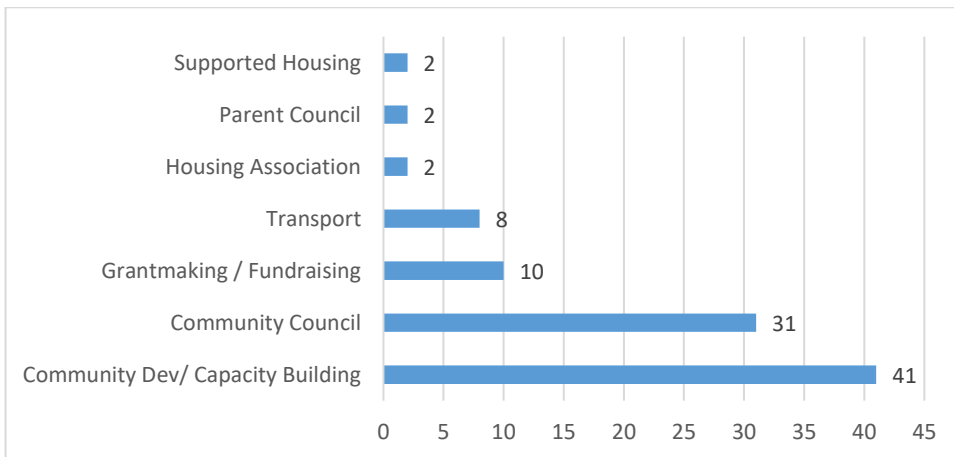
Prevention and Relief of Poverty, Law and Advocacy and Business



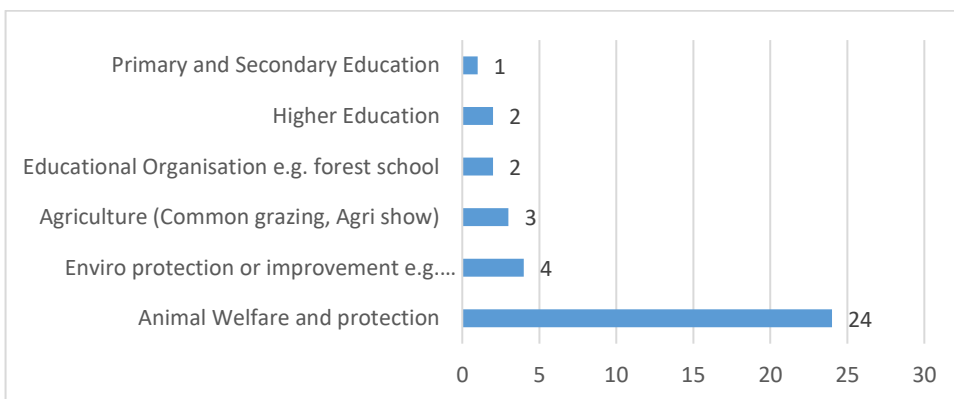
Culture, Recreation and Sport & Faith, Religion and Belief



Community Development and Citizenship



Education and Research & Environment and Animals



Where to find more information about Third Sector Groups

- OSCR - <https://www.oscr.org.uk/>
- Companies house - <https://beta.companieshouse.gov.uk/>
- The national online directory ALISS <https://www.aliss.org/>
- SLCVO's website <https://www.slcvo.org.uk/>
- HTSI Covid-19 Register of Community Action <https://www.covidhelp4highland.org/>
- Think Health Think Nature website <https://www.thinkhealththinknature.scot/>

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