

THE NETWORK

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# MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT AND BENEFITS GUIDE

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SCOTLAND

the community-led regeneration network

Supporting communities for over 15 years

## 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 by encouraging the sharing of knowledge and expertise and promoting mutualism and co-operation.

### Benefits of joining the DTAS Network include:

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

## Representation



DTAS is an increasingly influential and respected organisation, we provide a strong voice, often at the highest levels, for our network. We liaise closely with the Scottish Government and engage with local authorities, funders and other relevant agencies to promote members' interest. Members are regularly given the opportunity to contribute to the development of our policy objectives and consultation submissions which ensures they reflect the aspirations and needs of the development trust movement.

As a member-led organisation DTAS is directed by a board of trustees elected annually from the membership. The staff team and representatives attend and present at a large number of external events each year, never missing an opportunity to highlight the impact of our members' work.

## Expertise



The DTAS member Development Officers provide information, expert help and light touch support in areas such as governance, staffing and organisational development, financial planning and reporting, asset transfer, community ownership 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 offer our members a range of member benefits and free services.

### These include:

- DTAS Group Pension Scheme
- Free Legal Advice
- Health and Safety and HR Advice
- Insurance Discounts and Advice
- Free Accountancy Advice
- Free VAT Advice
- DTAS Energy
- Stationery and Equipment Discount Scheme.

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DTAS operates on the principle of mutuality and the strength of the network depends in part on the willingness of members to share useful information and experiences with other development trusts.

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