

Is the development trust approach right for you?



You can use the **checklist below** to establish whether your group is, or aspires to be, a development trust. If any of your responses to the nine questions in the checklist are 'No', and you are not open to changing this in future, it may be that the organisation being proposed is not, or will not become, a development trust. Should this be the case, we recommend you seek advice from an alternative third sector support organisation such as your local [Third Sector Interface](#).

Indicator	Yes	No
1. Has a defined geographical community of benefit?	Yes	No
2. Membership is open to everyone within the community and has a commitment to develop a substantial membership?	Yes	No
3. Majority serving on the organisation's governing board is elected from the membership resident in the defined community of benefit?	Yes	No
4. Organisation is independent of personal, political, religious, outside agency, local authority, corporate or funder interests or agendas?	Yes	No
5. Objectives/ planned activities identified through community consultation, and set out in a publicly-available community development plan?	Yes	No
6. Objectives/ planned activities embrace a broad range of issues (social, economic, environmental and cultural)?	Yes	No
7. Committed to becoming financially sustainable through income generation, with any surplus generated being used solely for community/ public benefit?	Yes	No
8. Wider community kept informed of, and involved in, activities?	Yes	No
9. Proactively working in partnership with the voluntary, community, private and public sectors?	Yes	No

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Further sources of information

DTA Scotland contact details & additional services