

CHILDREN'S ORGANISATIONS

Example 1 – Application accepted

This organisation is a charity and company limited by guarantee. ✓

Charities are an example of the not-for-profit structures that LawWorks can assist; and additionally being a company limited by guarantee doesn't mean that an organisation is ineligible for LawWorks' assistance.

• The organisation is an inclusive and affordable adventure playground with programmes such as an inclusive play project for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and free "play passes" for low-income families.

The playground is accessed with "play passes"; however these are affordable and are free for low-income families and families with SEND children. LawWorks therefore deemed the organisation to be actively inclusive.

• The organisation provided LawWorks with anonymised information and data showing that its users included families in receipt of benefits such as housing benefits, free school meals or disability benefits. Families are also referred from children's centres and food banks. The organisation showed that it had issued a significant number of free "play passes" that year. ✓

The organisation had to carry out some internal information gathering before it responded to LawWorks' request for further information; however once it had carried out this work, it was able to give LawWorks the facts needed for us to make a decision about its application.

The organisation clearly provides a community benefit and so comes under LawWorks' <u>eligibility criteria</u>. In addition, through both its website and the additional information provided to LawWorks, the organisation was able to show that working with vulnerable and disadvantaged people is a significant part of what it does.

Example 2 – Application rejected

 This organisation is a private limited company that operates a private children's nursery and pre-school in England & Wales. ✓

Being a company doesn't mean that an organisation is ineligible for LawWorks' assistance, however more information is required to ascertain whether the organisation operates on a not-for-profit basis.

 LawWorks asked the organisation to provide a spreadsheet showing the organisation's financial information and to confirm in writing that it operates on a not-for-profit basis. The organisation provided the financial information, however it also confirmed that it operates on a for-profit basis X

One crucial part of the eligibility criteria is that the organisations that receive support through the programme operate on a not-for-profit basis. The information provided by the organisation confirmed that it is a for-profit organisation.