



Not-for-Profits Programme

Applications – Case Studies

COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

Example 1 – Application accepted

- This organisation is a charity registered in England and Wales. ✓

Registered charities are an example of the not-for-profit structures that LawWorks can assist.

- The charity manages a community centre and youth club for young people with disabilities (and a limited number of their friends/relatives) between the ages of five and 25. The charity also rents one of the rooms at the community centre to a local exercise instructor on a for-profit basis for three hours a week. ✓

The charity provides a clear benefit to the local community. In addition, many of its service users are “vulnerable and disadvantaged”. Although certain of the beneficiaries are not personally vulnerable / disadvantaged, this number is limited to friends / relatives of the beneficiaries, and they can only attend the youth centre with the beneficiaries.

The fact that part of the centre is run on a for-hire profit basis is acceptable in this case because (a) it is a very minor part of the community centre’s activities and (b) the for-hire element is done so that the profits can be used to support the youth club.

- The charity operates in an area which is among the 30% most deprived communities in England. ✓

The charity operates in England and Wales and the majority of its beneficiaries are also in England and/or Wales and so LawWorks was able to assist.

Example 2 – Application rejected

- This organisation is an unincorporated association. ✓

Unincorporated associations are an example of the not-for-profit structures that LawWorks can assist. The fact that the organisation is not yet registered is not a barrier to eligibility.

- The association anticipated that their income would be less than £1,000,000 per annum, but did not attach to their application a copy of their accounts or a spreadsheet setting out its income and expenditure. Following additional questions from LawWorks, the association explained that they are very new, that they do not yet have any income sources and are not able to provide a business plan or financial projections. ✗

The organisation was unable to provide documentary evidence of their annual income. As a result, LawWorks were unable to establish whether the organisation would be able to afford legal advice and was therefore unable to assist.