



Not-for-Profits Programme

Applications – Case Studies

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

Example 1 – Application accepted

- This organisation is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) which states its charitable purpose as improving wellbeing through creativity for disadvantaged people. ✓

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

- The CIO offers free creative workshops to those experiencing mental health problems, homelessness, poverty, disability, equality-related exclusion, ex-offenders and those in recovery / suffering from addictions. ✓

The CIO provides a clear benefit to the local community as required under LawWorks' [eligibility criteria](#).

- The CIO has two registered offices – one in England and one in another country (Scotland). 50% or more of its beneficiaries are in England. ✓

The CIO does operate in a country other than England and Wales (Scotland); however the majority of its beneficiaries are in England / Wales and so LawWorks was able to assist.

- The CIO's query related to the English branch and was therefore governed by English and Welsh law. ✓

LawWorks' volunteer solicitors are qualified in the legal jurisdiction of England and Wales, so they can only assist with matters of English and Welsh law. If the CIO's Scottish branch had a (Scottish law) query, LawWorks would not have been able to assist.

Example 2 – Application rejected

- This organisation is a registered charity. ✓

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

- The charity works with refugees and asylum seekers, providing them with care packages. ✓

The charity provides a public benefit, as further set out in LawWorks' [eligibility criteria](#).

- The charity's headquarters are in England and the volunteers are also based in England; however, the majority of its work is carried out in Asian and African countries. This means the majority of beneficiaries are not in England and/or Wales. ✗

For policy and funding reasons, LawWorks is only able to assist not-for-profit organisations which have a majority of their beneficiaries located in England and/or Wales.

In contrast, LawWorks was able to accept an application from another organisation that created a "buddy" scheme for refugees in London. This is because the majority (all) of that charity's beneficiaries were located in England and/or Wales, regardless of their country of origin.