



Not-for-Profits Programme

Applications – Case Studies

CHILDREN'S ORGANISATIONS

LawWorks does not categorise children as “vulnerable and disadvantaged” by default.

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's beneficiaries clearly came under LawWorks' [eligibility criteria](#). 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 regional branch of a national charity registered in England & Wales. Each regional unit is also a registered charity. ✓

As set out above, charities are an example of the not-for-profit structures that LawWorks can assist.

- The organisation is an after-school programme for 10-17 year olds focussing on outdoor activities. It is open to all.

This summary (provided in the application form) is not sufficient for LawWorks to determine whether the organisation is eligible. In addition, where there is an overarching organisation that has regional units, hubs or branches, LawWorks will assess the eligibility of the individual unit applying, rather than having a blanket policy of acceptance for the overall organisation.

- LawWorks asked the organisation to provide anonymised information and data showing that its users included vulnerable and/or disadvantaged young people – for example, families in receipt of benefits such as housing benefits, free school meals or disability benefits. The organisation was unable to provide this information. The organisation's postcode was not in an area of deprivation (as per the Index of Multiple Deprivation). ✗

One crucial part of the eligibility criteria for the not-for-profits programme is that the ultimate beneficiaries of the organisation should predominantly be vulnerable or disadvantaged individuals – there is a full list of examples on the LawWorks website, but this includes working with homeless people, current or ex-offenders, or those at risk of exploitation. The information provided on the organisation's application form, in the subsequent email exchange, and on the organisation's website suggested that the beneficiaries of the organisation were neither vulnerable nor disadvantaged.