

Learn about charitable trusts

[What is a charitable trust?](#)

Setting up a charitable trust is a way you can leave a lasting legacy to a cause that means something to you - and it can last forever so that your generosity continues to benefit others long after you have gone.

[What can a charitable trust do?](#)

Charitable trusts are normally formed to undertake charitable activities and are less suitable for commercial activities. A charitable trust may make profits on their trading activities but the profits must be used for their charitable purposes and cannot be distributed to members.

[What are the advantages of becoming incorporated?](#)

It is not compulsory to incorporate as a board. There are, however, advantages to becoming incorporated.

[What are the differences between incorporation of trustees as a board or of a society as a board?](#)

The Charitable Trusts Act 1957 has different procedures for trustees who apply and for members of a society who apply to incorporate as a charitable trust board.