



**Foundation  
Scotland**

## Foundation Scotland: An Introduction

### Who are we?

- Foundation Scotland is part of a global network of 1,400 community foundations which encourage philanthropy and strengthen the voluntary sectors in the countries, regions and towns in which they operate
- There are 46 community foundations in the UK, the majority of them in England where they tend to operate on a county or metropolitan basis
- Established in 1996, Foundation Scotland is the only community foundation in Scotland
- Foundation Scotland is an independent registered charity

### What do we do?

Foundation Scotland provides three principal services:

- An **online giving account** which donors can use to give simply and tax-efficiently to good causes of their choosing in the UK. For example, a higher rate tax payer can donate £1,000 and once Gift Aid is claimed, and a 4% donation to Foundation Scotland is deducted, the total donation rises to £1,250
- The opportunity to set up a **Foundation Scotland Trust**, an alternative to establishing a private charitable trust with a solicitor or accountant. A Foundation Scotland Trust is considerably less expensive and burdensome to operate, with an initial set up fee of just £250, and clients can continue to receive expert advice from their existing professional advisers
- A **donor-charity matchmaking service**, where Foundation Scotland can find, research and analyse charities which meet a client's philanthropic interests. This can range from light touch giving to personalised grant programmes designed to achieve lasting impact in focused areas. Our unique expertise is finding outstanding projects for clients to support, analysing the likely impact of a donation, and reporting on the outcome of any donation that is made

## Our credentials

- Each year our clients make over 2,500 payments to charity, about a third of which are to organisations recommended by us.
- We are able to support 'non-registered charities' such as community groups and sports clubs, giving our clients a greater range of causes to donate to.
- We have details of thousands of organisations on our database and employ a team of specialised staff to assess charities and funding opportunities and monitor the grants we award.

## Our clients

- Over 50% of our clients are private individuals and families, living in Scotland and elsewhere. Although many use Foundation Scotland for a complete service, several have their own charitable trusts already established and use us to distribute a proportion of their charitable giving.
- We work with companies such as Baillie Gifford, Shell UK, William Grant and Scotrail supporting the work of CSR staff or charity committees. Many use Foundation Scotland to set up and administer local and national grant-making programmes.
- We work with commercial developers such as Innogy Renewables UK Ltd, Vattenfall, EDF-ER and Infinis, administering over £3M in community benefit payments annually linked to commercially owned and operated onshore wind farms. We also work with community clients in different ways, supporting them with income opportunities from community funds.
- Organisations such as Comic Relief, the Big Lottery Fund and the Scottish Government use us to deliver selective grant-making programmes.

## Which service is for me?

*I want to make tax-efficient donations to charities that I select.*

Open a **Foundation Scotland Online Giving Account** with a minimum £1,000 cash deposit either in a lump sum or in regular payments and make donations as and when you wish.

*I want to set aside cash or investments to use to finance my charitable giving.*

Set-up a low cost and easy to administer **Foundation Scotland Trust**. You can transfer income from your Trust to an FS Online Giving Account or ask us to find you charities you might wish to support.

*I would like Foundation Scotland to help connect me to charities that work in a particular field or part of the UK.*

Once we understand the type of causes you wish to support and how much you would like to donate, we will provide you with information on some charities you might wish to fund or set up an ongoing grants programme to identify projects to support from your Trust.

## Further information

For further information, please contact our Philanthropy Development Team on 0131 524 0300 or email [development@foundationscotland.org.uk](mailto:development@foundationscotland.org.uk)