

# WHAT IS A CHARITY?



A charity is an institution which is established for charitable purposes only and is subject to the control of the High Court's charity law jurisdiction. They are set up to benefit the public by supporting people, communities, or causes in need. This can include relieving poverty, improving education, promoting health, protecting the environment, or supporting social welfare. Charities are non-profit, funded mainly through donations, grants, and volunteers, and are regulated to ensure transparency and accountability.

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) is a UK charity structure that provides legal status and limited liability without company registration. A Community Interest Company (CIC) is a limited company for social enterprises that operate for public benefit, but it is not a charity and are limited when it comes to grant funding.

The [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) website has plenty of helpful resources for you to use.

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