

Befriending Networks Ltd

Scotland · Charity number SC023610

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	Company (the charity is registered with Companies House)
Registered	1994-12-09
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	5-7 Montgomery Street Lane Edinburgh EH7 5JT
Website	www.befriending.co.uk

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of citizenship or community development', 'the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage'

What the charity does: We are the network for befriending organisations. Established as a charity in 1994, we have thirty years of experience in supporting and connecting befriending services. Our members form the largest network of befriending services in the world. We provide access to sector-specific training, events, resources, and awards which support quality in befriending. Each year we coordinate Befriending Week from the 1st – 7th November. Our vision is of a society where quality befriending support is available to everyone who needs it, and the importance of meaningful connection is recognised. As the network for befriending organisations, we're the intermediary between our members, supporters and stakeholders. We work collaboratively and inclusively to connect and strengthen the befriending sector. We support organisations to deliver quality befriending services that promote wellbeing and meaningful connections, ensuring that everyone feels valued.

Beneficiaries: 'Other charities or voluntary bodies'

Objectives: Objects and Purposes 1. The company's purpose is to advance community development through the promotion of befriending, and the provision of support to befriending organisations and their befrienders. In pursuance of this purpose, but not otherwise, the Company shall have the following objects: (a) To provide an arena for the discussion of all matters related to befriending. (b) To further the development of a strong and supportive network of befriending services. (c) To promote and support quality in befriending for new and existing befriending services. (d) To provide innovative resources, training, learning and development relevant to befriending and volunteering. (e) To raise awareness of befriending as a unique resource within the community, from which a diversity of client groups may benefit. (f) To campaign on behalf

of befriending services to increase the awareness of their need to be properly funded and supported and to promote the benefits of befriending and the need for befriending infrastructures. (g) To advise in relation to, prepare, organise and/or conduct seminars, conferences, exhibitions and training courses, and educational and training events and programmes of all kinds. (h) To design, prepare, publish and/or distribute information packs, leaflets, books, newsletters, magazines, posters and other publications, audio and video recordings and display materials. (i) To set up and maintain a digital presence with facilities for news updates, directory of services, discussion groups, resources, downloadable materials and other information regarding befriending issues. (j) To advise in relation to, commission and/or conduct research projects and programmes and to publish and promote the findings of such research. (k) To promote and organise co-operation in the achievement of the above purposes and, to that end, bring together representatives of voluntary organisations, statutory authorities and business sector bodies engaged in the furtherance of the above purposes. (l) To provide other information, advisory and support services which further the aims of the Company

Geography

- **Main operating location:** City of Edinburgh
- **Geographical spread:** Scotland and other parts of the UK

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£272,482	£323,325	-	9
2024-03-31	£323,210	£313,111	-	9
2023-03-31	£339,708	£334,311	-	9
2022-03-31	£439,178	£402,341	-	8
2021-03-31	£366,703	£307,139	-	7