

Environmental Rights Centre for Scotland

Scotland · Charity number SC050257

Details

Known as	ERCS
Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Part of	Scottish Environment Link (SC000296)
Registered	2020-07-03
Register	View on the OSCR register

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Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of health', 'the advancement of citizenship or community development', 'the advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation', 'the advancement of environmental protection or improvement'

What the charity does: Our vision is of a Scotland where every person's right to a healthy environment is respected, protected and fulfilled. ERCS is the only organisation in Scotland that provides free legal expertise in public interest environmental law. Our mission is to assist everyone, especially people who face the biggest barriers, to exercise their rights in environmental law and to protect the environment. We do this through: • Awareness-raising of legal rights and remedies and supporting equitable participation in environmental decision-making. • Advice, assistance and representation to increase access to justice and holding public authorities and polluters to account on the environment. • Advocacy in policy and law reform to improve environmental law. • Strategic public interest litigation to tackle systemic environmental problems.

Beneficiaries: 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: The Environmental Rights Centre for Scotland will, through public education, advice, assistance and representation, advocacy in policy and law reform and strategic public interest litigation, fulfil the following charitable purposes: * the advancement of human rights, specifically the right to a clean and healthy

environment - by raising the public's awareness of and ability to exercise their procedural rights of access to information, participation in decision-making and access to justice in environmental matters, and by promoting a fairer distribution of environmental benefits, burdens and responsibilities. * the advancement of environmental protection and improvement - by providing our services to individuals, community groups and organisations with the same purpose, and by seeking to improve the quality and accountability of environmental decision-making. * the advancement of health - by raising awareness of the detrimental impact of poor environmental quality on health outcomes, and by challenging environmental decisions which harm human health and may exacerbate health inequalities. * the advancement of citizenship and community development - by raising awareness of and working with individuals, community groups and organisations to exercise their rights in environmental law and to engage more fully with the land-use planning and legal systems. and * the advancement of education - by providing information and educational resources to increase the public's knowledge and awareness of environmental law and of their rights under environmental law. The Organisation understands environmental law to include law relating to land-use planning, climate change, pollution control, environmental health, the conservation of biodiversity and cultural heritage, and any other field (e.g. transport, energy) to the extent that it impacts on the natural environment in Scotland.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** City of Edinburgh
- **Geographical spread:** Operations cover all or most of Scotland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£440,205	£367,484	-	10
2024-03-31	£339,049	£254,583	-	9
2023-03-31	£235,883	£187,679	-	6
2022-03-31	£208,001	£118,084	-	5
2021-03-31	£101,400	£58,512	-	4