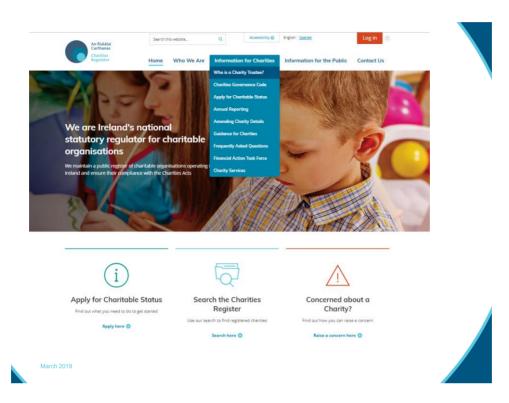
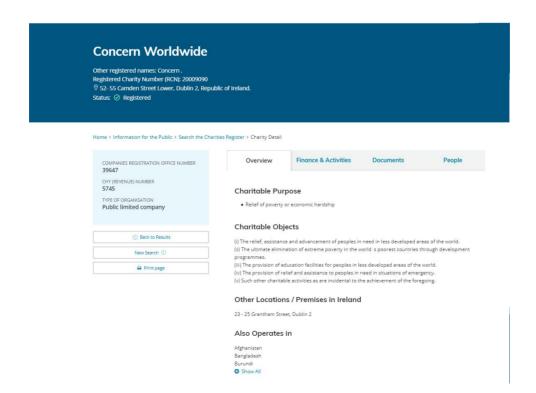


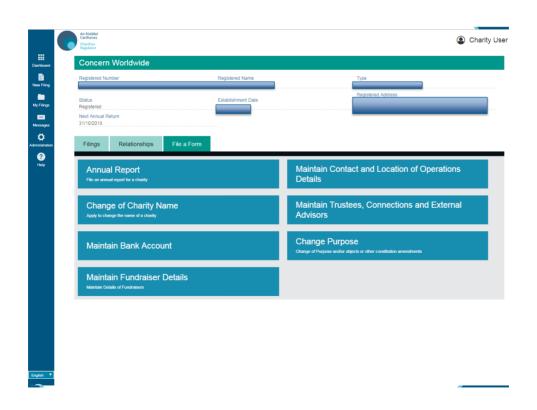
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What is a charity?

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Who are the charity trustees of a charity?

- Charity trustees are the people who exercise control over and are legally responsible for the management of the charity
 - If the charity is a company, the charity trustees are the directors and other officers of the company;
 - If the charity is an unincorporated body or a body corporate (other than a company)
 the charity trustees include any officers or people acting officially in the management
 and control of the organisation such as members of the board of management or
 governing committee;
 - If the charity has been established under a trust deed, the charity trustees are the trustees specified in the trust deed.

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Can anyone be a charity trustee?

- A person may cease to be qualified to act as a charity trustee.
- Grounds for being disqualified from holding the position of a charity trustee include if a person:
 - · is adjudicated bankrupt;
 - enters into a formal court approved insolvency arrangement with the Insolvency Service of Ireland;
 - · is convicted on indictment of an offence;
 - is a company that is in the course of being wound up.

See section 55 of the Charities Act 2009 available on our website.





Where do the duties of a charity trustee come from?

- The governing document of your charity;
- Legislation (statute);
- Common Law (the body of Irish law based on established practice and decisions of the courts).

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What are the additional duties of charity trustees under the Charities Act 2009?

- Ensure that your charity is registered on the Charities Regulator's Register of Charities
- Ensure that your charity keeps proper books of account
- Ensure that your charity prepares and furnishes an annual report to the Charities Regulator
- Ensure the Charities Regulator is informed if you are of the opinion that there are reasonable grounds for believing a theft or fraud has occurred (Disclosure obligation)
- Ensure that you comply with directions issued by the Regulator

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