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Mr Nicholas Jennings  
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Community Hub  
The School  
Eskdalemuir  
Langholm  
DG13 0QJ

Your ref:  
Our ref: RS/STA/13-0152

26 March 2013

Dear Mr Jennings

### **Decision on your application to become a charity**

I am pleased to tell you that the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) is satisfied that your organisation meets the charity test, and has entered it in the Scottish Charity Register. This means it now has charitable status under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005.

The details of your charity's entry in the Register are set out below.  
**Please check these details and let us know of any errors.**

<b>Your charity's registered name is:</b>	<b>Upper Eskdale Development Group</b>
<b>Your charity number is:</b>	<b>SC043890</b>
<b>Your charity was registered on:</b>	<b>25 March 2013</b>
<b>Your charity's 'known as' name is:</b>	
<b>Your principal contact address is:</b>	<b>Community Hub The School Eskdalemuir Langholm DG13 0QJ</b>
<b>Your charitable purposes are:</b>	<b>A - the prevention or relief of poverty B - the advancement of education D - the advancement of health F - the advancement of citizenship or community development I - the provision of recreational</b>

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	<p><b>facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended</b></p> <p><b>M – the advancement of environmental protection or improvement</b></p> <p><b>N - the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage</b></p>
<p><b>Your charitable objects are:</b></p>	<p><b>4. The objects of the Company are to promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the community in the Civil Parish of Eskdalemuir (referred, to as "the Community") and in particular:</b></p> <p><b>4.1 To promote sustainable development within the Community, where 'sustainable development' means development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs, and which protects or improves the natural environment.</b></p> <p><b>4.2 To provide recreational facilities and organise recreational activities in the interests of social welfare, available to members of the Community and the public at large, with the object of improving their conditions of life.</b></p> <p><b>4.3 To advance environmental protection or improvement through the maintenance, improvement or provision of public amenities and through the preservation of buildings and sites of historic, architectural or other importance to the Community.</b></p>

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**4.4 To advance education and in particular to promote opportunities for learning, for the benefit of members of the Community and the general public.**

**4.5 To advance education through the promotion of the arts and culture.**

**4.6 To relieve poverty through the provision of training or retraining, particularly amongst unemployed people in the Community, and through the provision of skills and work experience which will assist in obtaining employment.**

**4.7 To promote and protect the wellbeing and physical health of the members of the Community.**

**4.8 To provide or assist in the provision of housing for people in necessitous circumstances within the Community, provided that such power shall not extend to relieving any local authorities or other bodies of a statutory duty' to; provide or improve housing."**

**Your charity's accounting  
reference date is:**

**31/03**

### **Charity trustees' duties and responsibilities**

The charity trustees of **Upper Eskdale Development Group** are jointly responsible for running the charity and managing its assets. By law they must do certain things, such as the following:

Publicise its charitable status and provide information to the public: you must let people know that Upper Eskdale Development Group is a charity by including its charity name and charity number on its literature, emails and web pages, and also on documents issued by a third party on the charity's behalf.

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You have six months from the date of this letter to comply with the duty to publicise the charity's status. You must also supply a copy of your accounts and constitution to anyone who asks for them. You can find full details of these duties on our website in the section on charity trustees' duties.

- Annual monitoring: every year, you must provide information to us about the activities of your charity, and by law we must monitor all charities on the Register. Your charity must fill in an Annual Return form and send this to us along with its accounts. You can find out more about preparing your accounts and reporting to us on our website [www.oscr.org.uk](http://www.oscr.org.uk).
- Making changes to the charity: you need to get our consent before taking certain actions, and must tell us about certain decisions you have taken. You can find out when and how to do this on the 'Making changes to your charity' section on our website.

Your charity may be able to claim some forms of tax relief. The enclosed leaflet from HM Revenue & Customs provides more detail. Please note that OSCR does not deal with tax matters.

Please distribute this letter and the enclosed introductory leaflet on 'Being a charity in Scotland' to all your charity trustees. You can contact us at [info@oscr.org.uk](mailto:info@oscr.org.uk) or on 01382 220446 if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



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