




THE BUCHANAN TRUST

Policy Name	Campaigning & Political Activity Policy
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This policy is intended to ensure The Buchanan Trust's (the Trust) compliance with the recent guidance and advice issued on campaigning and political activity by the Charity Commission. The Policy is applicable to all Trustees, staff and volunteers of the Trust.

By definition and by its lawful, charitable purpose being:

“To help those who have served in the armed forces, enabling them to transition into civilian life by offering short term accommodation, accredited training, skills, work experience and employment opportunities in the rural and construction sectors..”

the Trust is a non-political charity and does not seek to participate in activities or campaigning to change or influence policies or decisions taken by national, devolved, local or overseas government or public bodies including international organisations such as the UN and World Bank, and national or local organisations such as regulators or NHS Trusts.

The Trust will not give its support to a political party.

However, from time to time, the Trust may give its support to campaigns that it considers will further its charitable purposes and objectives, or that support the best interests of the charity and the beneficiaries it services. Any undertaking will be conducted in line with the relevant guidance and requirements set out within Government guidance [here](#).

We commitment to:

- complying not only with charity law, but other civil and criminal laws that may apply in this arena.
- stressing our independence thus ensuring that any involvement we have with political parties or individuals is balanced and has purpose.
- any political engagement relates only to serving, furthering and bettering the Trust's ability to deliver on its charitable purposes for the benefit of our beneficiaries and/or in raising the Trust's profile and awareness of its charitable purpose and benefits.
- carefully weighing up the possible benefits against the costs and risks in deciding whether a campaign is likely to be an effective way of furthering or supporting the Trust's charitable purposes and beneficiaries
- following the suggested checklist for any campaign and political activity provided by Government and located [here](#)

None of this prevents staff members, volunteers or trustees participating in such activities in their own name and would be declared under the Trust's Conflict of Interest Policy and managed accordingly.