

RDA Ireland Fundraising Guidelines (adapted from the Charities Regulatory Authority)



Transparency and Accountability:

Charities must take responsibility for their actions and be capable of explaining, clarifying and justifying those actions.

The charity's trustees and management will explain and account to donors and the public for the charity's actions.

RDA Ireland will operate in an open, frank and honest way and will ensure that transactions, operations, information and communications are easily understood by donors and the public alike.

We will clearly identify to donors and the public the cause for which the fundraising is occurring and how donations will and are being used.

We will provide ways whereby those interested can easily contact us. We have a procedure in place to address complaints.

Respect:

All fundraising will respect the rights and dignity of donors, beneficiaries and the public.

We undertake never to place undue pressure on people to donate. Any people who choose not to donate will be respected.

Honesty and Integrity:

Information about RDA Ireland's charitable purpose and activities will be made freely available. Donations and gifts will be used for the purposes for which they were donated.

Our fundraisers will act with integrity and not misrepresent our charity, its needs for funds or how they will be applied.

Any person undertaking a fundraising activity on behalf of RDA Ireland will be trustworthy and conduct themselves with integrity and honesty. They will ensure that their actions enhance our charitable purpose and reputation.

They will comply with all legal requirements relating to fundraising activities undertaken by them.

Cash Collections:

An Garda Síochána are responsible for ensuring compliance by all persons including charities, with the Street and House to House Collections Act 1962.

All public collections are required to have a Garda permit, or where no permit is required, permission from the relevant local authority (e.g. collections in church grounds).

RDA Ireland requests that any group or individual who wishes to undertake a public fundraising activity should inform the National Secretary for clearance of insurance cover.

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