

Societies, Trusts and Companies

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Useful resources

- **Community Toolkit**
An article on choosing the right legal structure for your group
- **CommunityNet Aotearoa**
An online hub of resources designed to strengthen communities. There is also a template for a trust deed you can download
- **Initial considerations for organisational structures**
- **Characteristics of different organisational legal structures**
- **Companies Office**
Where you register your incorporated society, charitable trust or company
- **Constitution Builder**
A template constitution builder
- **What to be or not to be – Blog**
A blog discussing different structures
- **The new Trusts Act – What does it mean for registered charities?**
A blog explaining the changes to the Trusts Act 2019
- **What do the Trust law changes mean for charities?**
A recent webinar about the Trusts Act 2019
- **Charitable and donee organisations tax guide ir255-2020.pdf (ird.govt.nz)**

Organisation types

Structure	Registered with Companies Office?	Who's liable?	Suitable for?
Unincorporated Society	X	Individuals	Smaller informal groups who apply for small amounts of funding
Incorporated Society *Legal Entity*	✓	Entity	Groups with members who want to apply for funding
Charitable Trust	X	Individuals	Groups with trustees who don't apply for funding
Incorporated Charitable Trust Board *Legal Entity*	✓	Entity	Groups with trustees who want to apply for funding
Limited Liability Company *Legal Entity*	✓	Entity	Groups who trade goods or services for charitable purposes

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