Slide 1: How to Set Up and Run a Non-Profit Organisation

Subtitle: A step-by-step guide for launching a sustainable and impactful non-profit.

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Slide 2: Define Your Mission and Vision

Key Question: What is your organisation's purpose?

Draft a clear mission statement.

Action Points:

Identify the problem you're solving and your target audience.

Example:
bMoneywize
empowers families
with financial
literacy tools.

<u>Charity Excellence</u> <u>Framework</u>

Resources:

NCVO



Slide 3: Choose Your Legal Structure

Key Options in the UK:

- 1. Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) Simple, limited liability.
- 2. Charity For public benefit activities.
- 3. Community Interest Company (CIC) Combines social impact with commercial income.

Action Points:

- Research the best structure for your goals.
- Ensure alignment with public benefit requirements.

- Charity Types Guide
- CIC Info



Slide 4: Register Your NonProfit

Steps:

- 1. Choose a unique name.
- 2. Draft a governing document (e.g., constitution).
- 3. Register with the Charity Commission or Companies House.

- Charity Commission Registration
- Companies House Guidance



Slide 5: Appoint Trustees or Directors

Requirements:

- Minimum of 3 trustees (for charities).
- At least 1 director (for CICs).

Duties:

- Oversee compliance with laws and regulations.
- Act in the best interest of the organisation.

Resources:

Trustee Responsibilities – NCVO

Slide 6: Set Up Financial Systems

Steps:

- Open a business bank account.
- Develop a budget and cash flow plan.
- Use book-keeping tools for transparency.

Examples: Free accounting tools like Wave or QuickBooks, FreeAgent (from Natwest)

- CAF Bank for Charities
- NCVO Financial Guidance



Slide 7: Get Funding

Sources:

- 1. Grants: Apply to organisations like the National Lottery.
- 2. Corporate Sponsorships: Partner with CSR programs.
- 3. Donations: Crowdfunding via JustGiving, GoFundMe.

Action Points:

- Develop a funding proposal.
- Network with potential donors.

- <u>Funding Central</u>
- National Lottery Community Fund



Slide 8: Develop Your Programs

Key Points:

- Create activities aligned with your mission.
- Focus on inclusivity and community needs.

Example – SMART Goals:

- Specific: Deliver 12 workshops.
- Measurable: Reach 200 participants.
- Achievable: Partner with 5 schools.
- Relevant: Address financial literacy.
- Time-bound: Complete within a year.

Resources:

• SMART Goal Template



Slide 9: Marketing and Outreach

Steps:

- Build a website using platforms like
 Wix ,WordPress or Go Daddy
- Utilise social media for promotion.
- Share impactful stories to inspire support.

Pro Tip: Use free tools like Canva for visuals.

- Charity Digital Marketing Guide
- Canva for Non-Profits



Slide 10: Monitor and Evaluate Impact

Steps:

- 1. Collect participant feedback via surveys.
- 2. Track outcomes like increased financial knowledge.
- 3. Use KPIs (e.g., participant growth, donor retention).

Resources:

• NPC's Impact Reporting Guide



Slide 11: Ensure Compliance

Key Actions:

- Submit annual reports to the Charity Commission.
- Comply with GDPR for data handling.
- Obtain liability insurance for your activities.

- GDPR Guidance for Charities
- Charity Compliance Checklist



Slide 12: Making It Commercially Viable

Income-Generating Strategies:

- 1. Sell branded resources (e.g., games, books, apps).
- 2. Offer premium workshops.
- 3. License programs to other organisations.

Tips for Sustainability:

- Diversify funding sources.
- Regularly review budgets.

Resources:

• <u>Social Enterprise UK</u>



Slide 13: Useful Links

- 1. Charity Commission
- 2. Companies House
- 3. NCVO Resources
- 4. Funding Central
- 5. National Lottery Community Fund
- 6. Charity Digital

