

Pioneer Tier – Open Government Partnership

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Letter of support

Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations

The Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) is the national membership body representing the third sector, comprising charities, voluntary organisations and social enterprises. We work in partnership with the third sector in Scotland to advance its shared values and interests.

We want to see more open government in Scotland, UK and internationally. In order to do this, we are highly committed to a strong co-produced action plan between civil society and government in Scotland.

However, in order to maximise the potential of the OGP process in Scotland, we believe participation in the pioneer tier of the International OGP programme would be extremely helpful:

- Sharing experience with other UK devolved nations and international partners
- Showcasing Scotland as an exemplar for what can be done and what all countries should aspire to
- Help us develop the tools, visibility and practice to build a stronger movement in Scotland with wider and deeper engagement of Scotland's citizens themselves to participate in the decisions that affect them.

We therefore fully support the ambitions of the Open Government Partnership Action plan in Scotland and any submission to be part of the Pioneer Tier.

Further details about SCVO and Scotland's third sector can be found at www.scvo.org.uk



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