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Leith and Restalrig Church

Scottish Charity No. SC012680

**1. What is a privacy notice?**

Leith and Restalrig Church (“**LARCH**”) wants to ensure you understand our processing of your personal data. We are also required by data protection regulation to explain certain matters to you. This notice sets out that information.

**2. Data we process during recruitment and selection**

LARCH is the data controller for the information you provide during the recruitment process unless otherwise stated.

**What will we do with the information you provide to us?**

The information you provide during the recruitment process will only be used for the purpose

of progressing your application and to fulfil legal or regulatory requirements.

We will not share any of the information you provide during the recruitment process with third

parties. The information you provide will be held securely by us whether the information is in

electronic or physical format.

We will use the contact details you provide to us to contact you to progress your application. We will use the other information you provide to assess your suitability for the role you have applied for.

**What information do we ask for, and why?**

We do not collect more information than we need to fulfil our stated purposes and will not retain it for longer than is necessary.

The information we ask for is used to assess your suitability for employment. You don’t have to

provide what we ask for but it might affect your application if you don’t.

**Application stage**

We ask you for your personal details including name and contact details. We will also ask you

about your previous experience, education, referees and for answers to questions relevant to the role you have applied for. Our recruitment team will have access to all of this information.

**Shortlisting**

Our recruitment panel shortlist applications for interview. They will not be provided with your

name or contact details.

**Assessments**

We might ask you to attend an interview and we might take interview notes. This information is held by LARCH.

**Conditional offer**

If we make a conditional offer of employment, we will ask you for information so that we can carry out pre-employment checks. You must successfully complete pre-employment checks to

progress to a final offer. We are required to confirm the identity of our staff, their right to work in

the United Kingdom, seek assurance as to their trustworthiness, integrity and reliability, and undertake PVG or Disclosure Scotland checks.

You will therefore be required to provide:

* Proof of your identity – you will be asked to attend our office with original documents, we will take copies.
* You will be asked to complete a criminal records declaration to declare any unspent convictions. You may be asked to complete a PVG or Disclosure Scotland application.
* We will contact your referees directly, using the details you provide in your application, to obtain references.

If we make a final offer, we will also ask you for the following:

* Bank details – to process salary payments; and
* Emergency contact details – so we know who to contact in case you have an emergency at work.

**How long is the information retained for?**

Your personal data will only be retained for as long as is reasonably necessary. What this means in practice will vary as between different types of information, and when we consider our

approach we take into account any ongoing need for the information, as well as our legal

obligations for example in relation to tax, health and safety, employment rights and potential or

actual disputes or investigations. All employee personal information will be deleted at the end of the reasonably necessary period. You have the right to make a complaint to the ICO and to seek to enforce this right through a judicial remedy.

If you are unsuccessful at any stage of the process, the information you have provided until

that point will be retained for 12 months from the closure of the campaign.

**How we make decisions about recruitment?**

Final recruitment decisions are made by members of the recruitment panel. All of the information gathered during the application process is taken into account. You are able to ask about decisions made about your application by speaking to your contact within our recruitment team.

**3. Your rights**

You have certain rights in relation to the personal data which we process about you:

* You have the right to be provided with clear, transparent and easily understandable information about how we use your personal data and your rights; this is why we are providing you with this privacy notice
* You can request to access your personal data.
* Where we hold data that is inaccurate, you can ask us to complete or rectify this.
* You have the right to restrict some processing of your personal information, which means
* that you can ask us to limit what we do with it;
* You can object to us processing your personal information in certain circumstances, including where we are using it for the purpose of LARCH’s legitimate business interests as set out above
* You also have the right to complain – please see below.

**4. Complaints or queries**

LARCH tries to meet the highest standards when collecting and using personal information. For this reason, we take any complaints we receive about this very seriously. We encourage people to bring it to our attention if they think that our collection or use of information is unfair, misleading or inappropriate. We would also welcome any suggestions for improving our procedures. Job applicants and secondees can raise concerns or ask questions using the contact details below.

This privacy notice was drafted with brevity and clarity in mind. It does not provide exhaustive

detail of all aspects of LARCH’s collection and use of personal information. However, we are happy to provide any additional information or explanation needed. Any requests for this should be sent for the attention of our Session Clerk, at the email or postal addresses detailed in Section 8 below (How to Contact Us).

If you are unhappy with our response, you can complain to the ICO in their capacity as the

statutory body which oversees data protection law – www.ICO.org.uk/concerns.

**5. Access to personal information**

LARCH tries to be as open as it can be in terms of giving people access to their personal information. Individuals can find out if we hold any personal information by making a ‘subject

access request’. If we do hold information about you, we will:

* Give you a description of it;
* Tell you why we are holding it;
* Tell you who it could be disclosed to; and
* Let you have a copy of the information in an intelligible form.

To make a request to LARCH for any personal information we may hold, you need to put the

request in writing addressing it to our Session Clerk, at the email or postal addresses detailed in Section 8 below (How to Contact Us).

If you agree, we will try to deal with your request informally, for example by providing you with the specific information you need in a meeting.

If we do hold information about you, you can ask us to correct any mistakes by, once again contacting our Session Clerk.

**6. Disclosure of personal information to third parties**

We may share your personal data with:

* The Church of Scotland, where they require that information in order to provide advice to LARCH
* Any regulatory authority we may be subject to for the purpose of demonstrating compliance with applicable law and regulations; and
* Such third parties as we reasonably consider necessary in order to prevent crime, such as the police.

**7. Changes to this privacy notice**

We keep our privacy notice under regular review. This privacy notice was last updated in March 2025.

**8. How to contact us**

If you have any questions or concerns about any information in this privacy notice, you should

contact our Session Clerk at:

session.clerk@larch.org.uk

or

Session Clerk

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