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Discount for volunteers

6 Do you agree with the proposal to move to a fee discount for volunteers in Qualifying Voluntary Organisations?

Yes

7 What information do you think we need to consider when proposing moving to a fee discount for volunteers in Qualifying Voluntary Organisations?

Please give us your views:

In our view Volunteer PVG's should remain free, not be discounted. Volunteer involving organisations do not get full cost recovery to pay for volunteers. Even if a volunteer involving organisation was going to reimburse a volunteer the volunteer would have to pay the cost up front then be reimbursed. This creates a financial barrier for volunteers. It would create more of a barrier for volunteers to pay up front and not have this reimbursed. Some insurers ask for a PVG refresher every few years which would add further costs. Volunteers often have a trial period and during this selection period if it didn't work out for either party, the conversation around exit at that early stage becomes more difficult if the volunteer has paid to become involved. At a time when we need to make it easier for people to volunteer, this proposal makes it harder and is likely to put people off volunteering.

About you

16 What is your name?

Name:
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17 Are you responding as an individual or an organisation?

Organisation

18 What is your organisation?

Organisation:
Lead Scotland

19 Further information about your organisation's response

Please add any additional context:

20 The Scottish Government would like your permission to publish your consultation response. Please indicate your publishing preference:

Publish response only (without name)

21 Do you consent to Scottish Government contacting you again in relation to this consultation exercise?

Yes

22 What is your email address?

Email:
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23 I confirm that I have read the privacy policy and consent to the data I provide being used as set out in the policy.

I consent