



# Recreational Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 1958

## 1958 CHAPTER 16

### 1 General provision as to recreational and similar trusts, etc.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, it shall be and be deemed always to have been charitable to provide, or assist in the provision of, facilities for recreation or other leisure-time occupation, if the facilities are provided in the interests of social welfare:

Provided that nothing in this section shall be taken to derogate from the principle that a trust or institution to be charitable must be for the public benefit.

- (2) The requirement of sub-section (1) that the facilities are provided in the interests of social welfare shall not be treated as satisfied unless—
- (a) the facilities are provided with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities are primarily intended; and
  - (b) either—
    - (i) those persons have need of such facilities as aforesaid by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances; or
    - (ii) the facilities are to be available to the members or female members of the public at large.
- (3) Subject to the said requirement, sub-section (1) applies in particular to the provision of facilities at village halls, community centres and women's institutes, and to the provision and maintenance of grounds and buildings to be used for purposes of recreation or leisure-time occupation, and extends to the provision of facilities for those purposes by the organising of any activity.

**Status:**

Point in time view as at 01/01/2006. This version of this provision has been superseded.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Recreational Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 1958, Section 1.