

Third Sector Cyber Catalysts in Scotland

supporting and empowering charities to be more cyber resilient



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Introduction

Safe, Secure and Prosperous

The importance of cyber resilience in the third sector has never been greater. Digital technologies are revolutionising our world, bringing significant opportunities for our third sector organisations, but are also creating challenging new patterns of crime and online exploitation which we must take decisive action to manage.

In summer 2018, a cross-sectoral group of Third Sector Cyber Catalyst organisations was formed to work with the Scottish Government and the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) to help tackle these challenges, share good practice and develop practical solutions.

Membership of the working group is voluntary and made up of organisations who have committed at board level to work with the Scottish Government and the NCSC to support a broad programme of work, which includes:

- **Strengthening leadership, and helping drive greater awareness and uptake of good cyber-resilient behaviours in Scottish small and medium third sector organisations – including their supply chains,**
- **Improving coordination and knowledge-sharing of cyber resilience good practice across key third sector organisations operating in Scotland, and**
- **Supporting and promoting uptake of key educational initiatives in Scotland, including cyber security apprenticeships.**

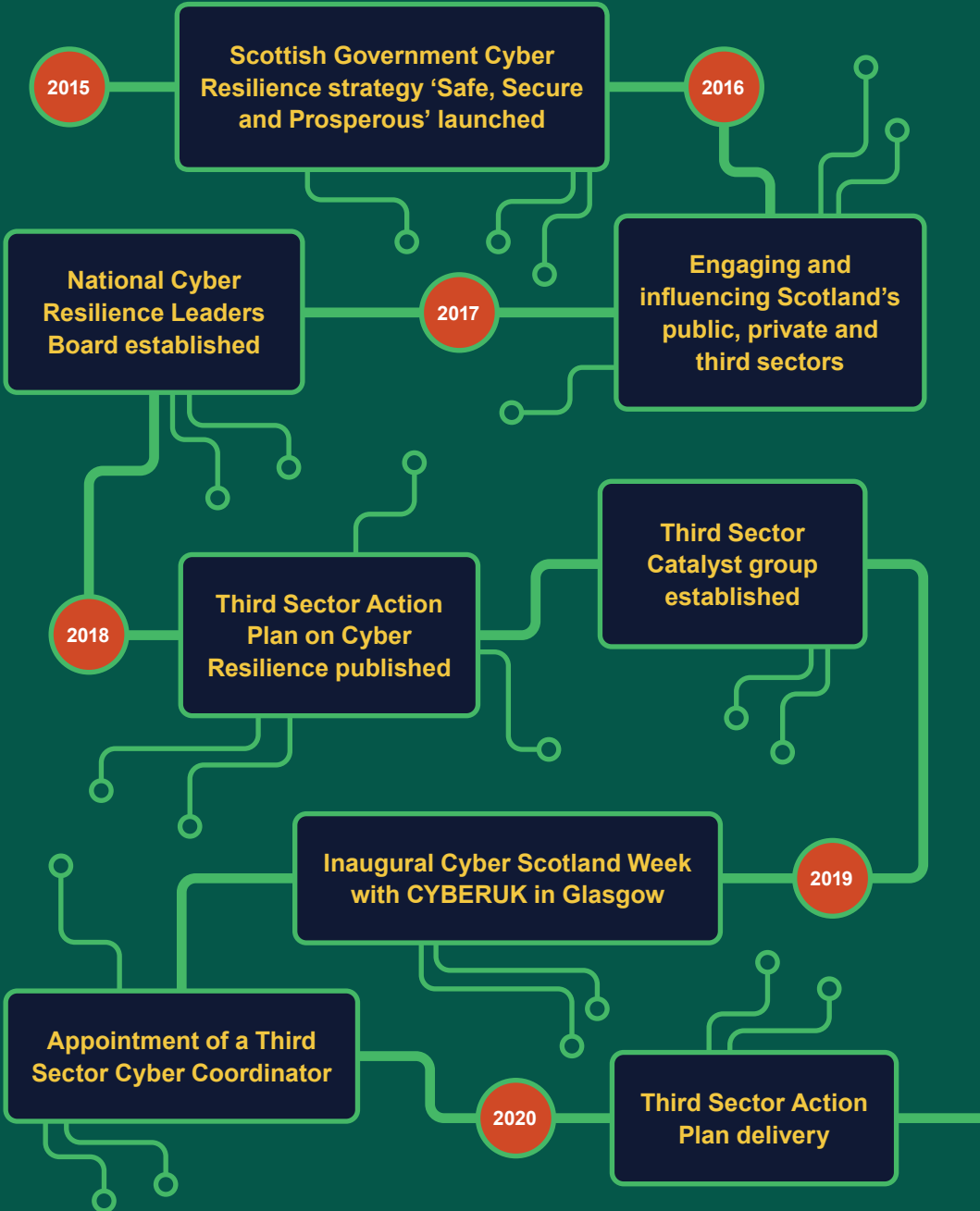
Membership currently comprises of 16 third sector organisations from a range of sectors including arts, culture and sport, to education and learning; children and young people to equality and law. The contributions of each organisation range from simply sharing positive messaging and communications to their extensive networks, to committing significant energy and effort to driving cyber resilience initiatives or supporting the Scottish Government in their delivery.

Thank you to all of the organisations who volunteered to be Catalysts. This report celebrates your successes, of which there are many, and outlines our plans for the future.

David Ferbrache OBE

Chair, National Cyber Resilience Advisory Board

Timeline



Cyber Catalyst Members

Aberlour Child Care Trust

Scotland's children's charity, supporting children, young people and families to give them the best chance in life. An advocate in raising awareness of good cyber hygiene.

Association of Chief Officers of Scottish Voluntary Organisations (ACOSVO)

A membership organisation for third sector leaders in Scotland. Promotes peer-support and good practice sharing, including the cyber agenda.

Alzheimer Scotland

Scotland's national dementia charity aiming to make sure nobody faces dementia alone. Helping to promote cyber awareness and Cyber Essentials accreditation.

British Red Cross

Supporting people globally to get the support need when crisis strikes. Played a key role in the development of our cyber resource toolkit and promoting our cyber communications.

Citizens Advice Scotland

Part of Scotland's largest independent advice network. Led a Scams Awareness Campaign in 2019 and are a key delivery partner in the development of a scams prevention strategy.

Enable Scotland (The Piper Group)

An innovative charity launched in order to accelerate change in improving the lives of disabled people. A key input with developing and adopting our approach to supply chain security.

Fife Voluntary Action

A Third Sector Interface (TSI) supporting, developing and representing charities and third sector organisations in Fife, with focused and tailored cyber messaging, governance and training.

Food Train

A social enterprise making daily life easier for older people to manage independently. A strong advocate on the benefits of Cyber Essentials accreditation.



Housing Options Scotland

A charity helping members of the community to find the right home in the right place. A key conduit in raising awareness of cyber best practice with individuals and housing associations.

Learning Link Scotland

Supporting the third sector in adult education in Scotland. Provided key input from their cyber experience and knowledge across charities.

Royal Blind

Scotland's largest vision impairment organisation. Our lead catalyst partner in the Cyber Advice Helpline service for the third sector offering independent, impartial and free advice, guidance and signposting.

Scottish Sports Association (SSA)

The independent membership organisation representing and supporting the interests of Scottish Governing Bodies of sport. Cyber focus group set up and in place supporting communications, training and governance.

Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO)

A national membership organisation for the voluntary sector in Scotland. Our catalyst delivery partner for Cyber Essentials grant funding and the host organisation for our Scottish Government funded Third Sector Cyber Co-ordinator.

The Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (The ALLIANCE)

The national third sector intermediary for a range of health and social care organisations, disseminating our cyber messages.

The National Lottery Community Fund

A key grant-giving organisation supporting our cyber communications across Scotland and helping to review due diligence processes.

The Wise Group

A leading social enterprise transforming the lives of people in Scotland. A key contribution to our policy agenda and sector influencer.



Achievements to date

Catalyst Coverage

We have expanded our catalyst group since publication of our Action Plan in 2018.

Cyber Advice Helpline

Set up and run by our catalysts for third sector organisations in Scotland.

Board engagement

Specific tailored cyber advice, tips and guidance for CEOs, Chairs and Trustees in Scotland.

Third Sector Action Plan on Cyber Resilience

Working in partnership to deliver on the key actions for Scotland's third sector.

Universal Cyber Resource Toolkit

Catalysts have made a sector contribution to this key one-stop cyber resource.

NCSC Small Charity Guide and Staff Top Tips

These fundamental, free, easy-to-implement basic steps and e-learning, disseminated by our catalysts.

Social Media Catalysts

View and listen to their cyber vlogs, blogs and upcoming podcasts.

The Scottish Government Cyber Resilience Unit would like to acknowledge the valuable contributions made by the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) and the Information Commissioner's Office as part of the cyber steering group in the development of the Third Sector Action Plan on Cyber Resilience in June 2018.

Cyber Exchange Programme

Run by ACOSVO as a cross-sector peer cyber exchange.

NCSC approved training

A core cyber training package available from and delivered by our catalysts.

Cyber Scotland Week 2019

Over 10,000 charities were engaged and reached with materials, resources or events in our inaugural week.

Cyber Essentials

Over 200 charities have received funding and catalyst support towards achieving this accreditation to better protect themselves.



Lee Cramp

Head of Information Security,
British Red Cross

How to get in touch

Our Cyber Catalysts are in place to help third sector organisations in Scotland at any stage of their cyber journey.

The Scottish Government Cyber Resilience Unit works closely with our Catalysts to identify opportunities and challenges at a national and local level, to help charities better protect themselves for a stronger, more secure third sector in Scotland.

Becoming a Catalyst

If you are a third sector organisation passionate about making a difference to the cyber agenda in Scotland, we would like to hear from you.

“The SSA and our members have definitely benefited through our involvement as a Cyber Catalyst. The network has provided insight, guidance and access to best practice from across the sector.”

Kim Atkinson, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Sports Association

“We are committed to giving our time to helping charities understand and access the cyber resources specific to their needs.”

Kevin Burns, Head of IT, Royal Blind

Further information

You can access the Scottish Government Cyber Resilience pages at www.gov.scot/policies/cyber-resilience

For any of the above, you can contact our Head of Third Sector Cyber Resilience in the first instance via email cyberresilience@gov.scot

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