



EEA Campaigns and Political Activity Policy

### **Elsie Ever After Campaigns and Political Activity Policy**

The Charity Commission requires all charities to have a policy on campaigns and political activity. The Commission uses the term 'political activity' to describe activities or campaigning to change or influence policies or decisions taken by:

- National, devolved, local or overseas government
- Public bodies including international organisations such as the UN and national or local organisations such as regulators or NHS Trusts.

Charities can take part in activities that support their purpose and is in their best interest. However, charities must remain independent and must not give their support to a political party. Charities can support a policy that is supported by a political party or candidate and can work with political parties or candidates to influence their decisions, provided this supports the charity's purpose and objectives. The charity must remain independent.

All trustees must approach with good practice:

- They must be satisfied that the activities are likely to be an effective means of furthering the charity's purpose
- They must be able to justify the resources applied.
- Minutes of all relevant meetings are recommended.
- Elsie Ever After/ A trustee must not give financial support to a political party or candidate.
- All political activity or campaigning must be reported to the other trustees.