

Dumfries and Galloway Local Action Group (LAG) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



1. What is the Local Action Group?

The Local Action Group (LAG) is a partnership comprising representatives from local communities, businesses, farming, and the public sector. The group works together to improve life in Dumfries and Galloway. Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway are the accountable body for the Community Led Local Development Fund (CLLD).

Since its establishment in 2023, the Dumfries and Galloway LAG has administered over £1.5 million in funding for local communities. Through this investment, the LAG has supported the delivery of 117 community-led projects, ranging from improving local services and supporting young people to enhancing employability opportunities and strengthening rural development.

The LAG plays a crucial role in ensuring that funding decisions are community-driven, transparent, and inclusive. Its membership reflects a cross-section of society, with strong representation from community organisations, local businesses, and the rural sector (farming, fishing, forestry, etc.). The group actively encourages participation from underrepresented groups to ensure that decisions reflect the needs of the entire region.

Looking ahead, the LAG will continue to prioritise projects that foster sustainability, inclusion, and youth engagement, helping to build stronger, more resilient communities across Dumfries and Galloway.

2. How does the Local Action Group improve life in Dumfries and Galloway, and what benefits does it bring to the local community?

The LAG is responsible for the profiling of the fund and to assess and make decisions on the allocation of the funding.

TSDG and the LAG provide valuable feedback and insights to the Scottish Government and wider rural networks, ensuring that local voices influence future policy and funding decisions.

3. How do you become a member of the LAG?

The application process involves completing a simple form asking about your relevant skills, knowledge, and experience.

4. What does being a LAG member involve?

- Providing strategic oversight of the CLLD Fund.
- Identifying local issues and contributing their knowledge and experience to inform decision making.
- Attend meetings in person and online.
- Impartially assess and score funding applications.

5. Are LAG members paid?

Membership is currently voluntary and unpaid. However, expenses (e.g. travel costs) incurred while carrying out activities on the LAG's behalf can be reimbursed.

6. Will being a member of the LAG exclude my organisation from applying for funding?

No, the process of declaring your interests ensures that your organisation's membership will not prevent it from applying for funding.