# Scotland's Volunteer Development Network: Steering Group Application Questions

This document lists the questions in the SVDN Steering Group application form so you can review them and think about your answers before submitting your application.

The deadline for applications is **Friday 4 December**. To apply, complete the **SVDN Steering Group Application Form**.

If you need the application in another format or would prefer to apply in a different way, please contact Erin at **erin.burke@volunteerscotland.org.uk**.

## Section 1: About you

**1. Name**

**2. Role or position**

**3. Organisation**

**4. Email address**

**5. Which local authority area do you live in?**

**6. Which best describes your involvement in volunteer coordination? (select one)**

- I organise, coordinate or manage volunteers as my main role – paid
- I organise, coordinate or manage volunteers as my main role – voluntary
- Volunteer management is part of my wider role – paid
- Volunteer management is part of my wider role – voluntary
- I lead or manage a team of people who coordinate and manage volunteers – paid
- I lead or manage a team of people who coordinate and manage volunteers - voluntary
- I have strategic responsibility for volunteering within my organisation – paid
- I have strategic responsibility for volunteering within my organisation – voluntary

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- I work for a TSI or other intermediary body that supports or develops volunteer management across other organisations
- Other

**7. What sector does your organisation primarily work in? (select one)**

- Adult guidance, advice and learning
- Animal welfare
- Children's education and schools
- Culture and heritage
- Emergency services, first aid and public safety
- Environmental protection
- Groups aimed at supporting older people
- Health, disability and wellbeing
- Hobbies and recreation
- Local community or neighbourhood
- None
- Physical activity, sport and exercise (coaching, organising or otherwise helping out)
- Politics
- Religion and belief
- Trade Unions, justice and human rights
- Third sector support / infrastructure
- Youth or children's activities outside school
- Other

**8. Which option best describes the scale of your organisation? (select one)**

- Local or community-based: mainly working within a neighbourhood, town or local authority area
- Regional: mainly working across several local authority areas within a region
- National: working across Scotland
- UK-wide: part of an organisation operating across the UK, with a branch or office in Scotland

## Section 2: Your experience and interest

**9. Please tell us about your current involvement in organising, supporting, coordinating or managing volunteers.**

You can also include relevant previous experience if desired.

**10. Why would you like to join the SVDN Steering Group?**

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You might want to consider what interests you about the Network, what you would hope to contribute and any particular challenges or priorities you think it should address.

**11. What knowledge, skills and/or lived experience do you bring that would support the work of the Steering Group?**

Please share only what you feel comfortable sharing. You do not need to disclose sensitive personal information.

**12. Is there anything we can provide to enable you to participate fully in the Steering Group?**

For example, accessibility requirements, meeting formats or other support.

**13. Do you have any questions or anything else you would like us to know in considering your application?**

## Section 3: Eligibility and declaration

**14. Please confirm your current Volunteer Scotland (VS) membership status.**

Membership of SVDN is open to VS members only. To join the SVDN Steering Group, you must therefore be a VS member. Successful Steering Group applicants will be offered complimentary SVDN membership once the Network officially launches. VS membership is currently free to join.

- I am already an individual VS member.
- My organisation is already a VS member.
- I am not currently a VS member, but will begin the process of joining, either individually or through my organisation.

**15. If appointed, will you be able to attend meetings approximately every two months and contribute to agreed actions between meetings?**

**16. Would you be willing to take a turn as Chair of the Steering Group?**

The Steering Group will operate a rotating Chair model, with members taking turns to chair individual meetings. VS will chair the initial meeting to welcome members and establish working arrangements.

**17. Please declare any interests or commitments that could be relevant to your role on the Steering Group.**

Declaring an interest does not automatically prevent you from joining the Steering Group. Any interests will be considered and managed appropriately.

**18. Declaration**

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Please confirm that the information provided in your application is accurate to the best of your knowledge. If appointed, you will be asked to agree to work collaboratively with other Steering Group members and VS, contribute to the work of the group and follow the Steering Group's Terms of Reference.

- I agree

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