POLICY

WEB LINKS, WEB EVENTS CALENDAR LISTING AND SOCIAL MEDIA  

This policy is to be read in conjunction with the current ACTS Policy on ‘Endorsement, Support and Publicising of Initiatives and Events’.

1) ACTS AIMS and ETHOS

ACTION OF CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SCOTLAND (ACTS) is a joint initiative of: the Church of Scotland, Congregational Federation, Methodist Church, Religious Society of Friends, Roman Catholic Church, Salvation Army, Scottish Episcopal Church, United Free Church of Scotland and United Reformed Church. We come together to meet, pray, learn, reflect, speak and act on matters of common concern.

ACTS aims to develop Unity, Growth of Understanding and Common Action among its member churches and in their relations with other churches, faith traditions and wider society.

2) REQUESTING WEB LINKS or WEB EVENTS CALENDAR LISTING

Approval of WEB LINKS is made on a case-by-case basis at the appropriate level within ACTS, i.e.: Secretariat, Programme Groups, Members Meeting, or Trustees.

Approval of WEB EVENTS CALENDAR LISTING is made on a case-by-case basis by the ACTS Secretariat.

Requests may be submitted by mail or email to the ACTS Secretariat or directly to an established staff contact person. Requests for WEB LINKS should give a clear description of the requesting organisation and its aims. Requests for WEB EVENTS CALENDAR LISTING should include practical details of the proposed event and contact details for further information.

Web links or Web Events Calendar Listings must not be liable to lead to conflict with ACTS Charitable Purposes or the principles or practice of any ACTS Member Church(es).

ACTS will not provide web links to party political sites or to those that could lead to community disharmony.

A formal reply will be given as promptly as possible. The ACTS decision is final.

3) POLICY for WEB LINKS:

ACTS will POST LINKS with main denominational or organisational websites, not individual congregations or branches:

- CHURCH BODIES: e.g. ACTS Member and other Churches, approved ecumenical bodies and Local Churches Together Groups;
- ORGANISATIONS: e.g. ACTS Partner Groups, Bodies in Association, Local Ecumenical Partnerships and Charities whose aims are in harmony with ACTS aims and ethos;

- INTERFAITH and OTHER FAITH BODIES: as appropriate;

- GENERAL INTEREST LINKS: e.g. appropriate public service interest, Scottish and Westminster Parliaments.

Individual congregations or branches are encouraged to maintain clear, up-to-date, links on the website of an appropriate central or umbrella body.

Such WEB LINKS are posted in good faith.

Organisers are asked to post clear and accessible reciprocal links to ACTS on their websites.

4) POLICY for WEB EVENTS CALENDAR LISTING:

ACTS will LIST on its WEB EVENTS CALENDAR items that are:

- of general ecumenical origin or interest, or

- significant to an ACTS Member Church, Body in Association.

Such WEB LISTINGS are posted in good faith.

5) This policy shall also apply for social media (such as Facebook)