POLICY: ENDORSEMENT, SUPPORT and PUBLICISING of INITIATIVES or 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 ‘ENDORSEMENT’ or ‘SUPPORT’ or ‘PUBLICISING’ of INITIATIVES or EVENTS

Approval to ‘ENDORSE’ or ‘SUPPORT’ or ‘PUBLICISE’ initiatives or events is made on a case-by-case basis at the appropriate level within ACTS, i.e.: Secretariat, Programme Groups, Members Meeting, or Trustees.

Requests may be submitted by mail or email to the ACTS Secretariat or directly to an established staff contact person. Requests for endorsements or support or publicising should be received as early as possible. They should give a clear description of the proposed initiative or event, including: aims, target audience, and practical details.

Initiatives or events must not be liable to conflict with ACTS Charitable Purposes or the principles or practice of any ACTS Member Church(es).

ACTS will not support or endorse party political initiatives or events or 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 ENDORSING ACTS-RELATED INITIATIVES or EVENTS:

ACTS INITIATES, ORGANISES, HOSTS with PARTNER ORGANISATIONS or ENDORSES many initiatives and events originating from within ACTS Programme Groups and Member Churches; and within ACTS wider network of contacts.

Initiatives and events must be openly ecumenical in nature.

Approved initiatives and events are asked to use the ACTS name and logo and may receive some funding from ACTS.

ACTS will publicise such initiatives or events through its networks.

4) POLICY for SUPPORTING INITIATIVES or EVENTS ORGANISED BY OTHER BODIES:

ACTS may SUPPORT initiatives or events organised by other bodies which are in sympathy with ACTS aims and ethos.

Such support is given in good faith.

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Such initiatives or events may use the ACTS name and logo but will not normally receive ACTS funding.

ACTS will publicise such initiatives or events through its networks.

5) POLICY for PUBLICISING INITIATIVES or EVENTS

ACTS may PUBLICISE, through its networks, other initiatives or events that are:

- ecumenical in origin or interest, or
- significant to an ACTS Member Church, or
- significant to a charity or organisation whose aims are in sympathy with ACTS aims and ethos.

Such publicity is provided in good faith.