

Please ensure this form is placed at the top of your application, if posted to Companies House, and the Company Name is consistent throughout all documents

CIC 36

Declarations on Formation of a Community Interest Company¹

Please complete in typescript, or in bold black capitals.

Company Name in full

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SECTION A: COMMUNITY INTEREST STATEMENT – beneficiaries

1. We/I, the undersigned, declare that the company will carry on its activities for the benefit of the community, or a section of the community². [Insert a short description of the community, or section of the community, which it is intended that the company will benefit below]³

The company's activities will provide benefit to ...

Food systems stakeholders and residents in cities and city regions around the world, especially low income and marginalised groups (including women, youth, migrants, and others) who experience food insecurity, discrimination, lack of economic opportunities, and who are most vulnerable to the impacts of shocks and stresses on food systems.

To reach these groups, the company engages:

- i) directly with representatives of the above communities through projects and programmes;
- ii) with other organisations that work to advance food systems transformation for sustainability and resilience, to support and benefit the same communities (e.g. local and regional governments, NGOs, UN agencies, community groups, research institutes, and other consultants), some of whom are clients of the company.

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SECTION B: Community Interest Statement – Activities & Related Benefit

Please indicate how it is proposed that the company’s activities will benefit the community, or a section of the community. Please provide as much detail as possible to enable the CIC Regulator to make an informed decision about whether your proposed company is eligible to become a community interest company. It would be useful if you were to explain how you think your company will be different from a commercial company providing similar services or products for individual or personal gain.

Activities (Tell us here what the company is being set up to do)	How will the activity benefit the community? <i>(The community will benefit by...)</i>
<p>1. Develop tools, methodologies and guidance for participatory assessment of urban and city region food systems, and for monitoring and evaluation.</p> <p>2. Provide training, mentoring, and technical assistance to support sustainable, resilient and equitable food systems. Where possible, the company takes a ‘training of trainers’ approach.</p> <p>3. Promote adoption of multi-stakeholder processes in programmes for inclusive food systems governance. Where required, facilitate workshops.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Community representatives participate in development and piloting of tools, methodologies and guidance, in implementation to gather evidence for food system issues, and in development of appropriate, evidence-based interventions;- Other organisations have access to, and make use of, the tools, methodologies, and guidance in their own work. <p>Unlike for a commercial company, our tools and methodologies are open access, and are intended to be used as widely as possible wherever they can be helpful.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Trainees and mentees from beneficiary communities have greater capacity and confidence to participate in multistakeholder platforms, receive support with business plans, and are aware of – and have the capacity to apply for – programme and funding opportunities.- Champions or ambassadors pass on skills and knowledge to others within the community.- Organisational trainees have the skills and capacity to strengthen social inclusion, equity, care of the environment and agroecological practices through their own programmes. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- All urban and city region food stakeholders, including representatives of beneficiary communities, are invited and enabled to participate in multistakeholder processes in a meaningful way.- Participants are guided to surface pre-conceptions, develop a shared vision, and co-create policy and programme interventions and other pilot actions that meet their needs and preferences.

<p>4. Document experiences in urban food policy research and practice, and conduct analysis to draw out useful learnings for publication in Urban Agriculture Magazine or as journal articles, policy briefs, or working papers; and for presentation in conferences, webinars, and other events.</p> <p>5. Support knowledge exchanges between stakeholders in different cities and towns, including: sharing resources; promoting take-up of tools and methodologies; brokering relationships; and involving stakeholders in events.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representatives of beneficiary communities and other organisations can access publications, presentations and resources, and draw inspiration to inform their own work. <p>Unlike for a commercial publisher, the company's Urban Agriculture is free to access online and carries no advertising. Articles, presentations and resources are in accessible, non-technical language, and those published or hosted by other organisations are generally open access.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local stakeholders, community representatives and organisations engage in city-to-city networking, learning from experiences that have benefited communities elsewhere, and adopting or adapting initiatives to the local context.
<p>If the company makes any surplus, it will be used for... (If donating or fundraising for charities, please include the wording 'with the consent of the CIC Regulator')</p> <p>Please see continuation sheet</p>	

(Please continue on separate sheet if necessary.)

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SECTION C:

1. We/I, the undersigned, declare that the company in respect of which this application is made will not be:

- (a) a political party;
- (b) a political campaigning organisation; or
- (c) a subsidiary of a political party or of a political campaigning organisation.⁴

SECTION D:


If this section is not completed your application will be rejected.

TYPED NAMES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE AND WILL BE REJECTED

Each person

who is a director of the company **must** sign the declarations.

[Signed or scanned signatures are allowed.]

Signed		Date	17/2/23
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You do not have to give any contact information in the box opposite but if you do, it will help the Registrar of Companies to contact you if there is a query on the form. The contact information that you give will be visible to searchers of the public record.

Jess Halliday	
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CHECKLIST

ALL Applications

- Have the first directors signed the CIC36? (typed names instead of signatures are not accepted)
- Is the company name consistent throughout?

Hardcopy Applications only

This form must be posted with the following documents:

- (a) Memorandum of Association
- (b) Articles of Association, which comply with CIC legislative requirements
- (c) Form IN01- indicating that the proposed company is adopting bespoke articles.
- (d) Any completed continuation sheets
- (e) A cheque or postal order for £35 made payable to Companies House

When you have completed and signed this form, please ensure it is placed at the top of your application and send it to the Registrar of Companies at:

For companies registered in England and Wales:

New Companies Section, Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, CF14 3UZ
DX 33050 Cardiff

For companies registered in Scotland:

Companies House, 4th Floor, Edinburgh Quay 2, 139 Fountainbridge, EH3 9FF
DX 235 Edinburgh

For companies registered in Northern Ireland:

Companies House, 2nd Floor, The Linenhall, 32-38 Linenhall Street, Belfast, BT2 8BG

NOTES

¹ This form will be placed on the public record. Any information relevant to the application that you do not wish to appear on the public record, should be described in a separate letter addressed to the CIC Regulator and delivered to the Registrar of Companies with the other documents.

² The community interest test is referred to in section 35 of the Companies (Audit, Investigations and Community Enterprise) Act 2004 and is expanded upon in regulations 3, 4 & 5 of the Regulations.

³ E.g. "the residents of Oldtown" or "those suffering from XYZ disease".

⁴ A company is not eligible to be formed as a community interest company if it will be an "excluded company". If you are not sure whether the company which you wish to form falls into any of these categories, you should refer to the definitions of the terms "political party", "political campaigning organisation" and "subsidiary" (and of the related terms "election", "governmental authority", "public authority" and "referendum") in Regulation 2 of the Regulations before completing this form.

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Continuation Sheet

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SECTION B: COMPANY ACTIVITIES – CONTINUATION SHEET

Please indicate how it is proposed that the company's activities will benefit the community (or a section of the community). Please provide as much detail as possible to enable the Regulator to make a properly informed decision about whether your company is eligible to be a community interest company. We would find it useful if you brought out how you think your company will be different from a commercial company providing similar services or products for individual, personal gain.

Activities (Tell us here what the company is being set up to do)	How will the activity benefit the community? (The community will benefit by...)
6. Communicate and educate on the crucial role of cities and city regions in transforming food systems for sustainability and resilience, and on the need for funding by multilateral organisations and other grant-making bodies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local stakeholders and organisations in more cities and city regions understand how their food system works and the issues it faces, and assert responsibility for it; - More funding is available for organisations to support work to transform urban and city region food systems for sustainability and resilience, involving local communities.
7. Provide secretariat services and animate the RUAF Global Partnership on Sustainable Urban Agriculture and Food Systems* (RUAF GP) through regular webinars, workshops, think tank sessions, and promoting continuous interaction between partners.	- Members of the RUAF GP collectively identify urban and city region food system issues affecting target communities that require attention, leading the curve towards identifying approaches to address them (through both collective programmes and their own organisation's initiatives).

<p>Activities (Tell us here what the company is being set up to do)</p>	<p>How will the activity benefit the community? <i>(The community will benefit by...)</i></p>
	<p>*The RUAF GP is an established and renowned non-commercial consortium of expert institutions and individuals that includes cities, research institutes and NGOs, with a recognised track record in urban and peri-urban agriculture and urban food systems.</p>
<p>If the company makes any surplus it will be used for... Any surplus from activities 1 - 6 (paid-for project and consultancy work) will be used to strengthen provision of activity 7.</p>	