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## Membership Application

*You are invited to apply to become a Member of Upstart Scotland – a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Its lawful basis is as a charity registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator.*

Membership is for any individual aged 16 or older who supports the Purposes of **Upstart Scotland**. They are set out on the reverse side of this form and embedded in the Constitution which is available on the website - [www.upstart.scot/scio-constitution](http://www.upstart.scot/scio-constitution).

All Members are entitled to nominate the Trustees and be nominated as one, to vote at General Meetings and to have a say regarding policies or direction.

In keeping with current data protection legislation, particularly the General Data Protection Regulation, the [Trustees of Upstart Scotland](#) will ensure that your contact details and personal information will not be disclosed to third parties. That data will only be used to administer your account for provision of services you request from us. However, from time to time, we would like to contact you with details of various developments. If you consent to us contacting you in this respect, please tick to indicate your preferred method:

Post       Email       Telephone       Text message

If ever **Upstart Scotland** is wound up during the period of your membership, you will have no obligation to pay any sums towards meeting debts or other liabilities.

Although membership is **FREE**, we hope that Members will wish to support Upstart Scotland's work with an annual donation via the attached Standing Order Mandate, PayPal or the usual inter-bank transfer of funds.

If you would like to become a Member, please complete and sign this form and post or email it to **David Ashford, Membership Secretary, The Old Police Station, Isleornsay, Isle of Skye IV43 8QR** - [ashford37@btconnect.com](mailto:ashford37@btconnect.com). If you need any further information, please write to him in the first instance.

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Email: .....

Telephone: .....

Signed: .....



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The Purposes of *Upstart Scotland* are the advancement of children's education, health and well-being the furtherance of which involves:

- 1) *advancing awareness of the need for Scottish children - up to and including the age of seven - to benefit from a statutory play-based 'kindergarten stage' before beginning formal schooling;*
- 2) *promoting the role of Early Years education in 'levelling the educational playing field' by ensuring all children have secure foundations for school-based learning underpinned by play - especially outdoors - as being vital for all aspects of children's physical, emotional and cognitive development including health and well-being and, where practicable, outdoor play in the natural environment;*
- 3) *disseminating information about the importance of supporting children's social, emotional and spoken language development as the foundation for successful educational achievement, having regard to the need for a well-qualified, highly-respected, child-centric workforce, well-informed about the principles of child development in the Early Years;*
- 4) *relieving stress engendered by premature schoolification and testing, which research now suggests is counterproductive to children's long-term well-being and educational success and therefore more likely to increase than decrease the achievement gap between rich and poor.*