

## What is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation-CIO? And how do you become one?

The charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) is a corporate legal form which allows charities to operate as legal entities with limited liability. It is increasingly popular with village hall charities, most of which are charitable trusts providing little or no legal protection to the trustees.

**Community First Oxfordshire** has teamed up with charity solicitor **Tessa Hennessy** to offer a 2-hour seminar aimed exclusively at village hall trustees interested in changing their charity to a CIO. The seminar will look briefly at the different legal models currently available to village hall charities and the pros and cons of these, before focussing in some detail on the CIO: their key features, the different model constitutions available, and the legal process involved in changing from a charitable trust to a CIO, including how to transfer assets and liabilities from the existing charity to the CIO.



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**About the trainer:**

Tessa Hennessy is an experienced charity solicitor based in Oxford. She has been advising charities and social enterprises on governance and regulatory matters for over ten years and has considerable experience in setting up and helping existing charities become CIOs. More information about Tessa can be found on her website at [www.tessahennessy.co.uk](http://www.tessahennessy.co.uk)

**Date: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September.**

**Venue: Cassington Village Hall, The Green, Cassington, Witney OX29 4DN**

Here is a link to a Google map <https://goo.gl/maps/kx77ettpDiA2>

**The training will take place from 10.00 am until 12 noon**

Registration is at 9.30 and there will be a refreshment break in the middle.

**Cost: £20 for members of CFO's Community Buildings Advice Service**

**£35 for non-members. Only 20 places available. Bookings close on 12<sup>th</sup> September.**

**Please contact Tessa Hall from Community first Oxfordshire to arrange payment and secure your place. Email: [Tessa.hall@communityfirstoxon.org](mailto:Tessa.hall@communityfirstoxon.org) Tel: 01865 883488**