

Ethical Property Foundation

Changing the world brick by brick

Problems with premises is one of the main reasons that charities lose money or close. Every year we support hundreds of voluntary organisations to manage their property safely and sustainably.



Who we are

The Ethical Property Foundation is the only dedicated property advice charity serving the voluntary sector. We provide free, expert property guidance, online resources, training and affordable consultancy supporting thousands of organisations every year. Lead referral partner to the Charity Commission for property advice since 2015.

How we deliver for charities and community groups each year

- **Free practical jargon-free webinars.**
- **50,000 +** receive free online guidance.
- **500 voluntary organisations** receive direct support.
- **15%** of clients say our advice is critical to their survival.
- **69%** of clients report increased property knowledge following our assistance.

"Our unused charity property needed expert guidance to maximise its sale. David Gooch provided outstanding support, advising on planning options, liaising with planners and contractors, and guiding our CEO and Trustees with clear, practical advice throughout the process." Dr Edwards and Bishop King's Fulham Charity.

Organisations we have helped

- ▶ A women's support centre with a lease agreement.
- ▶ A social enterprise unsure about landlord versus tenant maintenance responsibilities.
- ▶ A cricket club with a lease renewal and the direct liability upon the Trustees.
- ▶ A CIC delivering youth development services with service charge discrepancies.
- ▶ A music charity seeking guidance on repair obligations for a community asset transfer.
- ▶ A small charity seeking advice on a 5 year local authority lease lacking security of tenure.
- ▶ A counselling charity requesting support on renting its property to another charity.
- ▶ A small charity developing allotments asking about planning permission.

In the past 12 months...

The Foundation helped 8 organisations avoid financial collapse and closure caused by poor property management.

We provided advice to village halls, religious buildings, community centres, horticultural centres, wellness services and sports clubs.

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How the Ethical Property Foundation helped my charity

Friends of Feltham Green

“The Ethical Property Foundation is brilliant - most charities aren't property experts so the support is invaluable. Every webinar I've



attended has been extremely useful. I only wish I had known about the Foundation years ago - it would have saved me so much time, stress and money!”

Greenwell Horticultural Therapy

“We very much appreciated the advice we received from the Ask a Property Expert service.

As a small charity, we were unsure where we stood with regards to our query and received prompt, detailed explanation of our options.

This was invaluable in making a decision about how to proceed to resolve our situation.”



Case study

Enfield Voluntary Action supports local voluntary organisations across Enfield helping them develop services, build capacity, and respond to community needs.



“Working with the Ethical Property Foundation was an extremely positive experience for us. Their Associate took the time to understand our complex property challenges and provided clear, practical advice and strategic guidance. With their support, we were able to challenge unfair charges and successfully sign a lease that works for our organisation. Their caring, knowledgeable, approach empowered us to make informed decisions and has left us in a much stronger position. I would wholeheartedly recommend the Foundation to any voluntary organisation seeking expert property advice.” **Jo Ikhelef, Chief Executive, Enfield Voluntary Action**

“We regularly consult the Ethical Property Foundation and are really grateful for their expertise. We have really benefitted from both the online Weston Property Manual and the Ask a Property Expert function. The team is prompt, professional and has a breadth of knowledge to draw on. Antonia's personal commitment is clear, and we sincerely appreciate her and the team's dedicated support.” **Matt Bourne**



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