About the Charities Governance Code

- Explains minimum standards for charity governance
- Ensures charities can achieve their purpose in an accountable way
- It is mandatory for registered charities

What is the Code?

- Six governance principles
- Core standards for ALL charities
- Additional standards for more complex charities

The six principles

1. Advancing charitable purpose

2. Behaving with integrity

3. Leading people

4. Exercising control

5. Working effectively

6. Being accountable and transparent

How do you use the Code?

- Read the principles and standards
- Decide on actions to meet the standards
- Identify evidence to show you meet the standards

How do you report on compliance?

- Complete the **Compliance Record Form**
- Indicate your compliance in your **annual report** to the Regulator
- Keep the form for the Regulator if requested
- Complete a fresh Compliance Report Form each year

Timeline

- 2019: Go through the Code
- 2020: Implement the Code
- 2021: Report on compliance as part of your annual report to Charities Regulator

Trustees need to:

- Read the Code
- Decide if you are a more complex charity
- Identify who will lead the compliance process
- Set timelines for completion

Check out:

https://www.charitiesregulator.ie/en/information-for-charities/charities-governance-code

Download the Code

Download the Compliance Report Form

Start discussing compliance with the Code at your board meetings NOW!