

Data Protection Policy

Definitions

Charity	means Lightyear Foundation, a registered charity
GDPR	means the General Data Protection Regulation
Responsible Person	means CEO
Register of Systems	means a register of all systems or contexts in which personal data is processed by the Charity.

1. Data protection principles

The Charity is committed to processing data in accordance with its responsibilities under the GDPR.

Article 5 of the GDPR requires that personal data shall be:

- a. processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to individuals;
- collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes and not further processed in a manner that is incompatible with those purposes; further processing for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes shall not be considered to be incompatible with the initial purposes;
- c. adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which they are processed;
- d. accurate and, where necessary, kept up-to-date; every reasonable step must be taken to ensure that personal data that are inaccurate, having regard to the purposes for which they are processed, are erased or rectified without delay;
- e. kept in a form which permits identification of data subjects for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which the personal data are processed; personal data may be stored for longer periods insofar as the personal data will be processed solely for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes subject to implementation of the appropriate technical and organisational measures required by the GDPR in order to safeguard the rights and freedoms of individuals; and
- f. processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security of the personal data, including protection against unauthorised or unlawful processing and against accidental loss, destruction or damage, using appropriate technical or organisational measures.

2. General provisions

- a. This policy applies to all personal data processed by the Charity.
- b. The Responsible Person shall take responsibility for the Charity's ongoing compliance with this policy.
- c. This policy shall be reviewed at least annually.
- d. The Charity shall register with the Information Commissioner's Office as an organisation that processes personal data.

3. Lawful, fair and transparent processing

- a. To ensure its processing of data is lawful, fair and transparent, the Charity shall maintain a Register of Systems.
- b. The Register of Systems shall be reviewed at least annually.
- c. Individuals have the right to access their personal data and any such requests made to the charity shall be dealt with in a timely manner.
- d. Individuals have the right to restrict the process of their data and any such requests made to the charity shall be dealt with in a timely manner.

4. Lawful purposes

- a. All data processed by the charity must be done on one of the following lawful bases: consent, contract, legal obligation, vital interests, public task or legitimate interests.
- b. The Charity shall note the appropriate lawful basis in the Register of Systems.
- c. Where consent is relied upon as a lawful basis for processing data, evidence of opt-in consent shall be kept with the personal data.
- d. Where communications are sent to individuals based on their consent, the option for the individual to revoke their consent should be clearly available and systems should be in place to ensure such revocation is reflected accurately in the Charity's systems.

5. Data collection

- a. The Charity collects and processes data on employees, volunteers, supporters, funders, individuals who have expressed an interest in its charitable work and others where there is a lawful basis to do so.
- b. The Charity collects the following personal information: name, title, NI number, date of birth, email address, postal address, telephone number and credit/debit card details and other information provided in communication with the Charity.
- c. The Charity uses personal information for a number of lawful purposes, including but not restricted to processing donations, claiming Gift Aid, administering employment or volunteering arrangements.

6. Data minimisation

a. The Charity shall ensure that personal data are adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which they are processed.

7. Accuracy

- a. The Charity shall take reasonable steps to ensure personal data is accurate.
- b. Where necessary for the lawful basis on which data is processed, steps shall be put in place to ensure that personal data is kept up to date.

8. Date retention

- a. The Charity regularly reviews retention periods for personal information.
- b. The Charity is legally required to hold some types of information to fulfil our statutory obligations.
- c. The Charity holds personal information on its systems for as long as is necessary for the relevant activity, or as long as is set out in any relevant contract the charity must comply with for any relevant legal reasons.
- d. The Charity may choose to delete data at any time without notice to individuals should they determine that there is no longer a need to retain the data any longer.

9. Sharing information

a. The Charity shall never share personal information with other organisations for their marketing or

commercial purposes.

- b. Where required to do so by law, the Charity shall share personal information to the relevant authority.
- c. The Charity may disclose personal information to third parties as is necessary for our vital and legitimate interests

10. Security

- a. The Charity shall ensure that personal data is stored securely using modern software that is kept-up-to-date.
- b. Access to personal data shall be limited to personnel who need access and appropriate security should be in place to avoid unauthorised sharing of information.
- c. When personal data is deleted this should be done safely such that the data is irrecoverable.
- d. Appropriate back-up and disaster recovery solutions shall be in place.

11. Breach

In the event of a breach of security leading to the accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorised disclosure of, or access to, personal data, the Charity shall promptly assess the risk to people's rights and freedoms and if appropriate report this breach to the ICO (more information on the ICO website).

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