How to find Information on Non-Profit Companies and Organisations

If you are researching the non-profit sector it can be harder to find information on these companies or organisations. Library databases can provide useful information.

Types of non-profit organisations:
There are a variety of non-profit organisations so when researching these, your starting point is knowing what type of organisation it is. Some examples are:

Charities
Academic Sector
Public Service
State Agencies
Non-governmental organisation (NGO)

If you are looking up an established, larger charity you may be able to locate information in the database BUSINESS SOURCE COMPLETE. Just follow the steps outlined in our Company Research Guide.

If it's a smaller local charity or local organisation you will have more success finding information in NEXIS UK. Simply follow the steps outlined in our Finding Company News Guide.
Useful resources:

If you need to find financial information on a company or organisation you can search the library database FAME. This database provides access to company profiles and a range of financial information including financial statements and ratios in relation to British and Irish companies. See our guide on Finding Financial Information.

Benefacts is a free online database of civil society organisations in Ireland. Besides charities, this includes philanthropies, sports bodies, political, human rights and advocacy organisations, business and trade associations.

Benefacts lists more than 20,000 organisations that are separate from the private sector and from government, and that have been established for social, cultural or environmental good. Benefacts collects and re-publishes public information about civil society organisations in Ireland. www.benefacts.ie

The Companies Registration Office Ireland offers a Company Search service. The service allows you to check the details of Companies and Business Names as well as basic information on registered external companies. www.cro.ie/Services/Company-Search