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Hospitality and Gifts Policy of Orkney LEADER Local Action Group (LAG)

No LAG member may accept or offer gifts, hospitality or benefits to or from a third party that might be seen to compromise their personal judgement or integrity in carrying out their functions under the LEADER Programme. If you are in any doubt, you should seek the advice of the LAG Chair, whom, were required, will consult with the Scottish Government Rural Communities Team.

Hospitality

You should not accept offers of hospitality unless you can answer 'Yes' to the following questions –

1. Can I justify this? and
2. Can I be sure I will not be subject to legitimate criticism?

You should only accept offers to attend social, sporting events, openings etc as a LAG member where the Orkney LAG would be expected to be represented.

You should not accept repeated hospitality from the same source.

Gifts/Corruption

No LAG member should accept any fee or reward whatsoever from an applicant or potential applicant to the LEADER fund other than his/her proper remuneration if for example the applicant is his/her employer.

LAG members must not accept personal gifts in their position as LAG member, but may keep items of token value e.g. pens, diaries or small tokens of gratitude.

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