

COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP SUPPORT SERVICE

COSS is part of the Development Trusts Association for Scotland (DTAS)

COSS is a Scottish government funded programme, adviser led across all 32 LA areas, set up to :

- ✓ help community groups take ownership of assets for community benefit – asset transfer
- ✓ support local authorities and other public agencies (relevant authorities) to transfer assets into community ownership.



For Communities

Thinking of acquiring an asset for your community? Get started with our guide to the options available as well as information and advice on developing your project to give it the best chance of success.

[Find Out More](#) →

For Public Bodies

All you need to know about asset transfer in the Community Empowerment Act and how to ensure asset transfers work for you and the community.

[Find Out More](#) →

The Community Ownership Support Service (**COSS**) is a Scottish Government funded programme, set up to:

- Help community groups in Scotland take on assets for their community, giving them greater control of land and buildings, and helping to ensure local service delivery in the future.
- Support local authorities, other public bodies and members of Community Planning Partnerships to transfer a building or land asset, recognising the benefits of partnership working with the community to meet future goals.





COSS Assets for People and Place Workbooks

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MODULE FIVE: GOVERNANCE AND PEOPLE

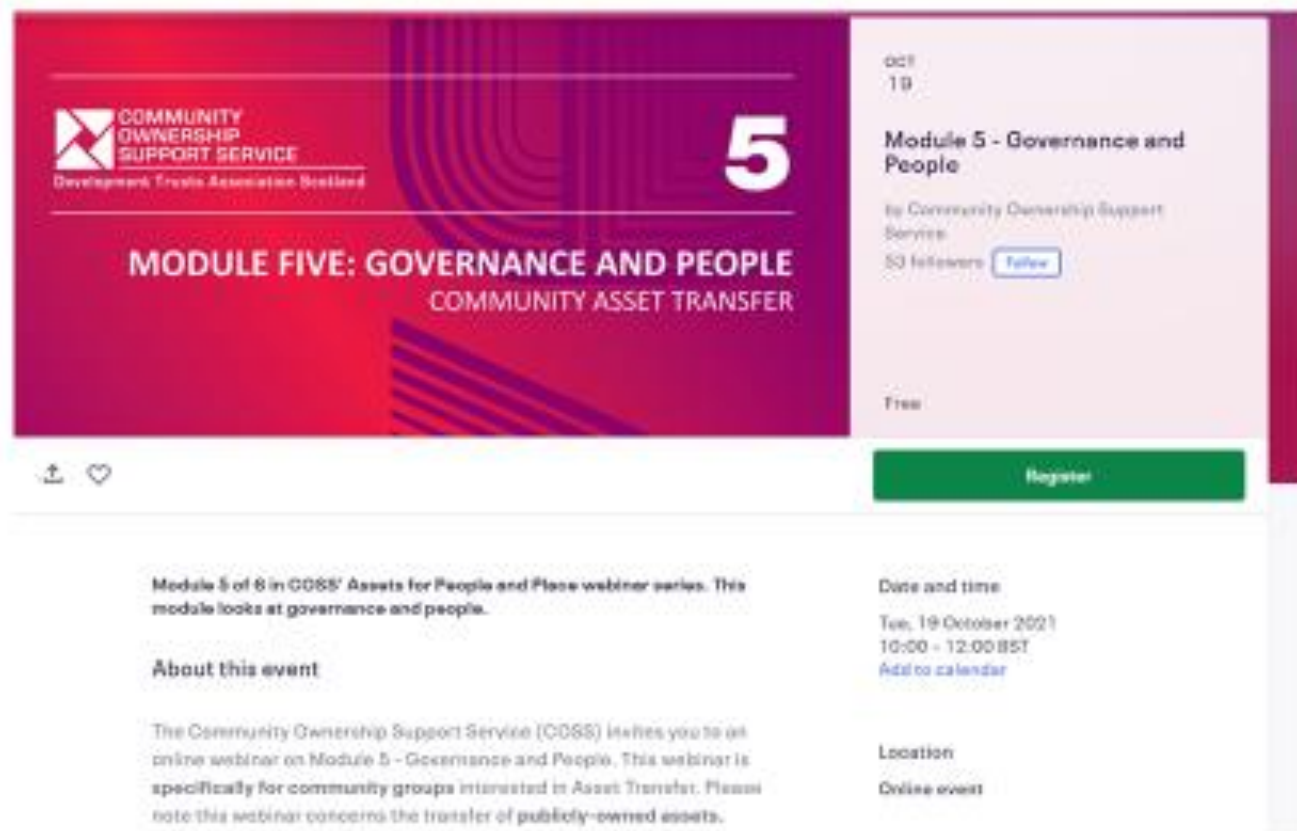
COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER

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WEBINARS

Upcoming COSS Webinars

- **Financial Planning** - Wednesday, 13 October, 2021 - 10:00 to 12:00
- **Governance & People** – Tuesday 19 October 2021 – 10:00 to 12:00
- **Facilities Management (Lite)** - Tuesday, 19 October, 2021 - 10:00 to 12:00



The screenshot shows a Facebook event page for a webinar. The event banner features the COSS logo (Community Ownership Support Service, Development Trusts Association Scotland) and a large number '5'. The title of the event is 'MODULE FIVE: GOVERNANCE AND PEOPLE' with the subtitle 'COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER'. The event is scheduled for October 19th. The page shows it is a free event with 53 followers and a 'Follow' button. A green 'Register' button is visible at the bottom right of the event card. Below the event card, there is a description of the module as part of a series, an 'About this event' section stating it is specifically for community groups interested in asset transfer, and a 'Date and time' section listing the date and time (Tue, 19 October 2021, 10:00 - 12:00 BST) with an 'Add to calendar' link. The location is listed as 'Online event'.

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WHO OWNS THE ASSET?

- **PUBLIC ASSET REGISTERS** - requirement of the Community Empowerment Act
- **COSS – Legal Adviser**
 - Free title searches of Land Register of Scotland
 - Search of General Register of Sasines (most likely free but we'll be upfront if there is a cost associated with this)
 - Will provide advice / comment on heads of terms
- **Scottish Universities Land Unit (SULU)** – review of burdens and conditions on title



COMMUNITY LEARNING EXCHANGE FUND

Scottish Community Alliance – Community Learning Exchange Programme - [link](#)

- Face to Face visits
- Virtual visits



FUNDING

A useful source of information on funding in Scotland can be found at Funding Scotland.

Development funding is a significant challenge. This should be borne in mind when the asset is going to require a lot of renovation work.

Here is a list of the main ones:

The Scottish Land Fund (SLF)-

www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/scottish-land-fund

- Stage 1 – feasibility, business plans, Stage 2 – acquisition of the asset (geographic communities only)

National Lottery Community Fund - www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk

- Grants for community-led activity – £10k to £150k
- Awards for All – £300 to £10k
- Wide remit, feasibility, equipment etc

National Lottery Heritage Fund – www.hlf.org.uk

- Heritage and community outcomes

Community Shares Scotland - www.communitysharesscotland.org.uk

- Support to raise finance by selling community shares.
- (needs a good enterprise to support community shares)

MAKE GOOD USE OF FREE HELP AND SUPPORT

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1-2-1 adviser support/ mentoring, training, networking, and access to Expert Help

Local Authority

CLD/ Social Enterprise / Communities Teams

TSI Network

Particularly around early stage governance

Membership Organisations/ Networks

Community Woodland Association – Community Land Scotland - SENScot

Accelerate Programme

Business support for non trading community organisations

Just Enterprise Programme

Business support for social enterprises



Q+A



Press 'raise hand' to ask a question – the host will then give you the option to unmute



Q&A

Alternatively, if you prefer you can ask your question by typing in the Q+A box