



## **Ethical Fundraising Statement**

The ultimate responsibility to accept or decline a donation resides with the Board of Trustees with day-to-day responsibility devolved to Leadership Team (LT), chaired by the Director-General, in consultation with the Head of Development.

While every effort is made to ensure that the donor or sponsor's requirements are met, there may be occasions when it is not possible for NGS to accept a donation or corporate support. The NGS Ethical Fundraising Statement guides NGS in decision making and donations and corporate support are assessed on four core principles:

- It must support the aims of the National Galleries of Scotland
- It should not damage the integrity or reputation of the National Galleries of Scotland
- It should not impinge on the artistic or academic freedom of the National Galleries of Scotland
- It should not have undue influence on the policies of the National Galleries of Scotland

The Head of Development is responsible for monitoring gifts and corporate support that are received by the National Galleries of Scotland. If NGS colleagues have a concern over the nature of a donation or corporate support the Head of Development should be notified. Similarly, if an unsolicited truly anonymous donation is received, NGS Finance team should notify the Development team. The Head of Development will undertake an analysis of the extent to which NGS is likely to be harmed by accepting a donation and balancing that against the benefit to be obtained by accepting it. A report will be given to LT for consideration and LT, chaired by the Director-General, will decide if the case is to be referred to the Trustees of the National Galleries of Scotland.

The Trustees of the National Galleries of Scotland will make the final decision to accept a donation or sponsorship.