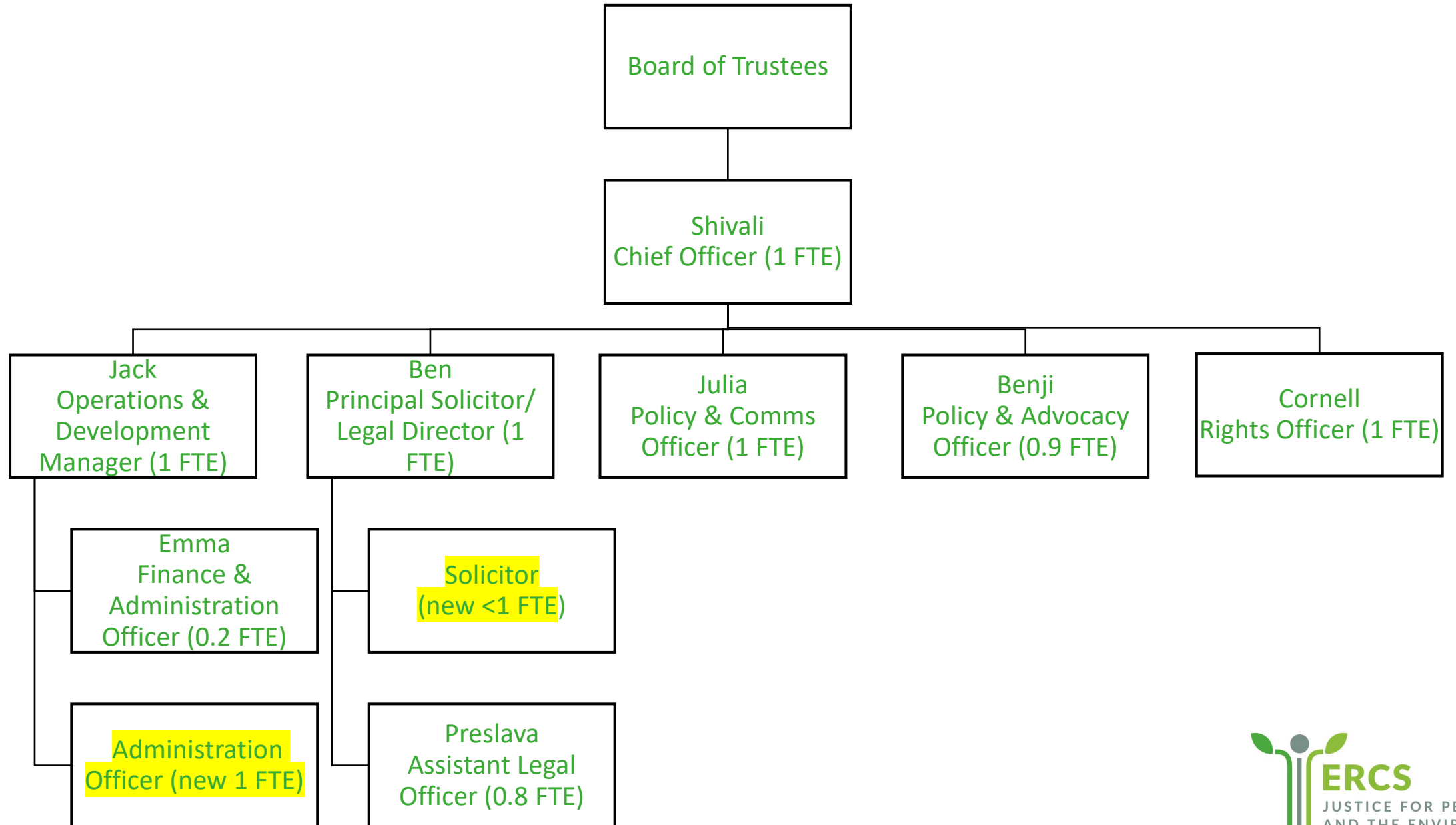


# ERCs AGM 2024

## Key achievements

Our vision is of a Scotland where every person's right to a healthy environment is respected, protected and fulfilled

# ERCS organisation chart, October 2024



# ERCS trustees and staff away day, Jupiter Artland, August 2024



# Operational journey from January 2020 to reaching 5 years old ... in numbers

## Staff team

- 1.2 -> 7 full-time equivalents / 8 staff members
- Recruiting Solicitor, Administration Officer -> 10 staff
- 2025 – launch of ERCS law centre for environmental justice as we turn five years old

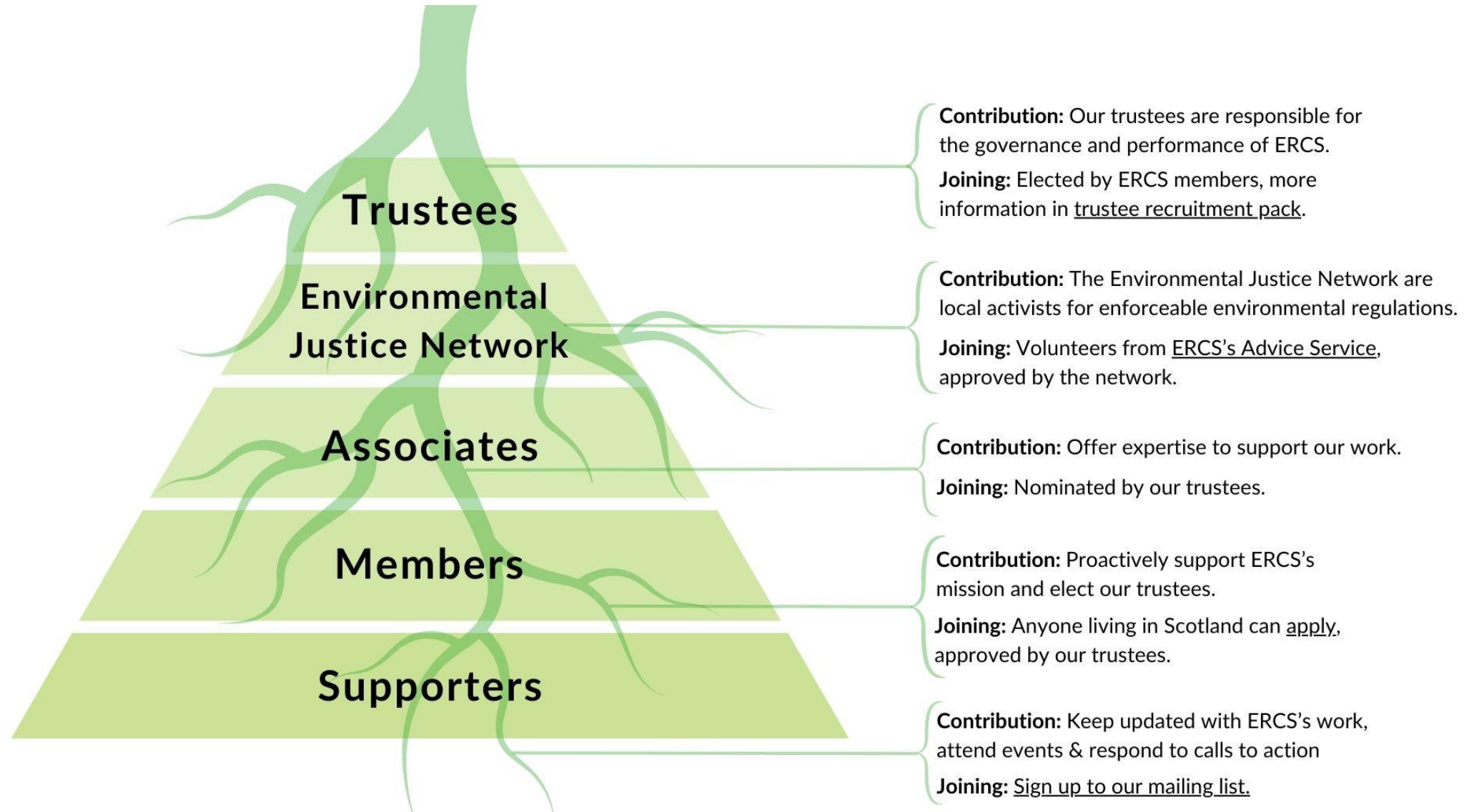
## Income

- 2020/1: £68k -> £101k -> £168k -> £236k -> £339k -> £430k for 2024/5

## Members – thank you!

- 161 members
- 955 subscribers / supporters

# ERCS's roots: our supporters

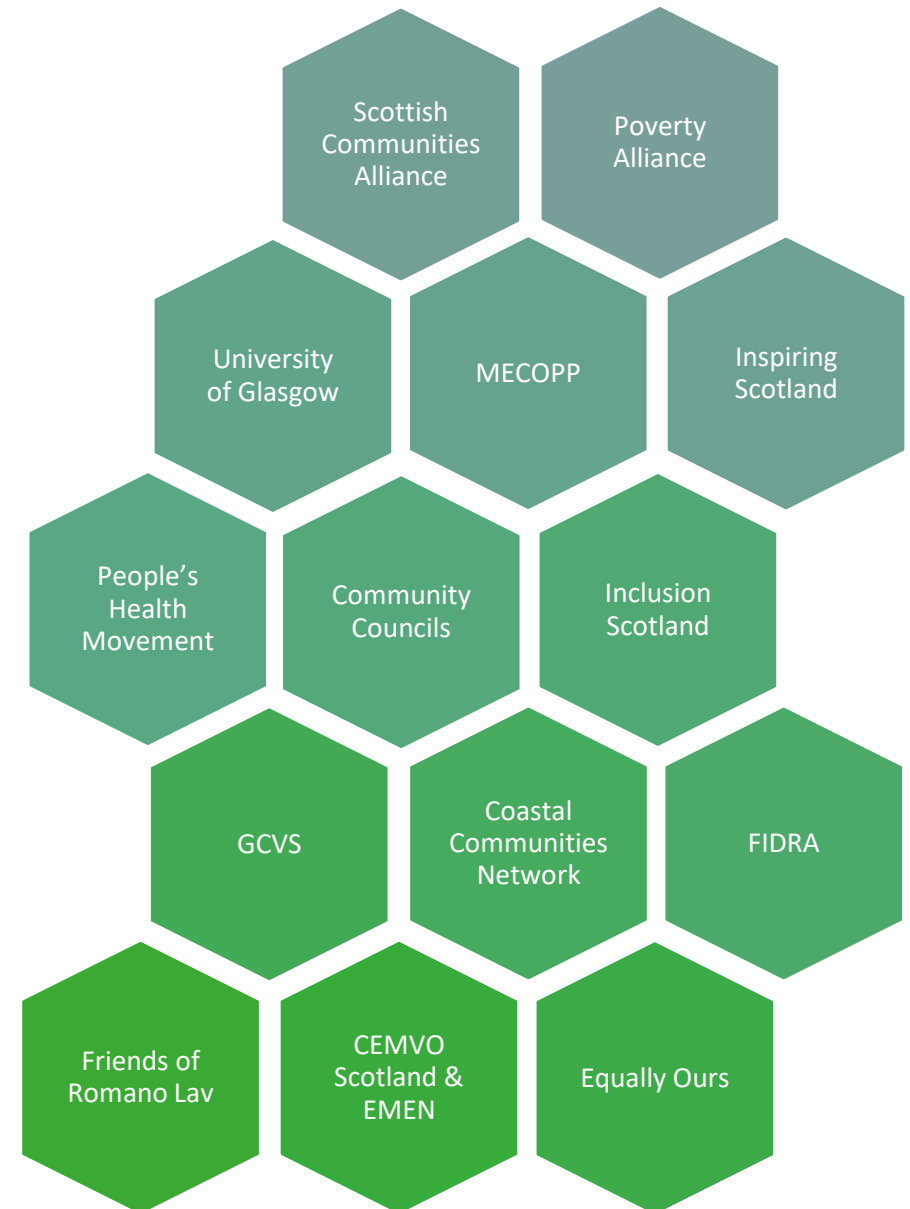


# Strategic outcomes: what we will achieve

- Our resources and outreach have **increased awareness of environmental rights and how to exercise them**
- Our advice, assistance and representation has **enabled action on holding public authorities and polluters to account on the environment**
- Our advocacy on policy and legal reforms has **secured concrete progress on environmental rights** in Scotland and reduced barriers to access to justice
- Our strategic public interest litigation has **improved accountability and enforcement of environmental law**

# Increased awareness of rights and how to exercise them

- Website 17,467 visits
- Briefings, FAQs and guides – 2,606 unique downloads
- Voices for Justice blogs
- Environmental Justice Network
- Ongoing collaboration with MECOPP on Gypsy/Traveller sites
- E-newsletter every two months



# Race & the Right to a Healthy Environment

## Lived experience workshops on access to healthy food and greenspace, August 2024



# Our advocacy has secured concrete progress on environmental rights and reduced barriers to access to justice

- Shape how **the human right to a healthy environment** is incorporated into Scots Law
- Hold the Scottish Government to account on it's non-compliance with the **Aarhus Convention's access to justice requirements**
- Secure commitment for a **dedicated Scottish Environment Court** which is affordable, accessible, timely and effective
- Advocate for **robust environmental standards and protections**
- Build support across **civil society organisations and networks**

# Key achievements October 2023–2024

- Vision of the right to a healthy environment
- Increased public awareness on barriers to access to justice – 37 media reports
- 24 parliamentary questions
- NZET and Equalities committees
- ESS Report
- Monthly 101 webinars
- Ecocide, engine idling, water quality ...
- Leaving X -> LinkedIn / Instagram

1 Oct 24 – Access to Justice rally



# ERCS Advice Service Overview



- 148 enquiries in last 12 months.
- Nuisance, planning, forestry, EIAs, quarries, landfills, climate legislation and access to information.
- Representations to ESS on incineration capacity, engine idling, the publication of forestry and agricultural EIA registers and climate law.
- New judicial review and defamation guides published.