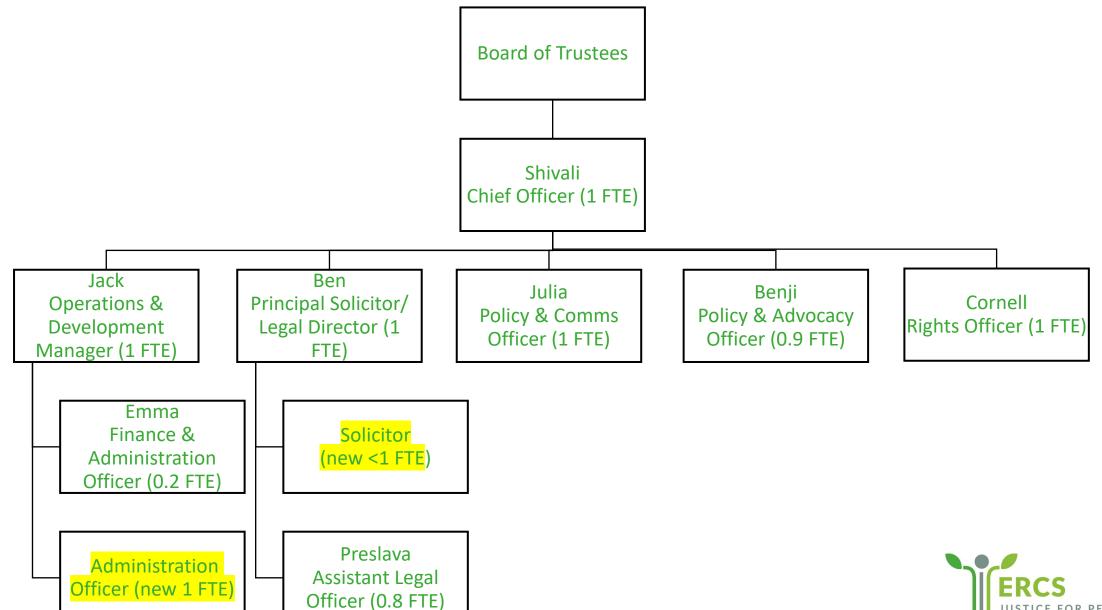


ERCS AGM 2024 Key achievements

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

Trustees

EnvironmentalJustice Network

Associates

Members

Supporters

Contribution: Our trustees are responsible for the governance and performance of ERCS.

Joining: Elected by ERCS members, more

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Contribution: The Environmental Justice Network are local activists for enforceable environmental regulations.

Joining: Volunteers from <u>ERCS's Advice Service</u>, approved by the network.

Contribution: Offer expertise to support our work.

Joining: Nominated by our trustees.

Contribution: Proactively support ERCS's mission and elect our trustees.

Joining: Anyone living in Scotland can <u>apply</u>, approved by our trustees.

Contribution: Keep updated with ERCS's work, attend events & respond to calls to action

Joining: Sign up to our mailing list.

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.