



Dundee Social Enterprise Network

Newsletter

April 2014

Welcome to the April newsletter.

The first meeting of the Aspiring Social Enterprise group was well received and a second one is planned. As part of the new start development, a Social Enterprise Academy course on developing your enterprise is being run. Only a few places left. The first round of the John Sharp Fund has been completed and more news on the successful bids soon. If you are interested in applying for funds, then the next round closes in August 2014. It is that time of year again for the AGM in May and so we look forward to catching up with the members then as well as at the other events. DSEN team

Network Meetings

DSEN AGM – Date Wednesday 28th May 2014 at 11.00 am at the Factory Skatepark.

The speaker will be Alan Watt, Dundee City Council Waterfront Co-ordinator. There will be an update on the plans and a chance to ask questions. The AGM will provide an update on the work of DSEN and an opportunity to find out about the Thematic SENs that Senscot support. (See information below about Health and Culture SENs). A light lunch will be included so please book your place by emailing admin@dundeesen.org. Members please send any apologies to the AGM to this email as well. Non members are welcome to join us for the Waterfront presentation.



Social Investment Scotland - The Great Social Enterprise Tour 2014

SIS will be visiting five cities in five days, connecting capital with communities across Scotland on. We hope you can join us at the Dundee event on 16th May 2014 from 12.30pm – 2.30pm.

Highlights of the tour will include:

- A showcase of local social enterprises and their products
- Community conversations involving local SIS customers
- A chance to speak directly to an investment manager about how social investment can support the sustainability of your business
- Network with other social enterprises,
- Social enterprise goodie bags.

For more info and to book a place got to: [Click here to book your ticket](#)

Senscot Legal – Free Legal Surgery

Sign up for a free legal advice session. Karina McRitchie will be at the DSEN office again on 15th May 2014 to help you. Places are going fast so please book your place with Jessie Bruce. Jessie@dundeesen.org

Investment Ready Workshop – Dundee SEN in partnership with Social Investment Scotland – on 24th June 2014 - 9.30 am – 1.30 pm at Deaf Links.

Social Investment Scotland, as a charity and social enterprise ourselves, understand the challenges faced not just in accessing the capital, but in simply getting to grips with the idea of taking on a loan. For this reason, we have been holding a series of 'Investment Readiness' workshops, providing a safe space for organisations to raise fears, whether real or perceived, of moving from reliance on grant funding, to a mix of funding sources. For more information and to book a place go to http://www.socialinvestmentscotland.com/files/3913/9583/6283/NEW_workshops_2014.pdf
Or contact Susan Smith susan@dundeesen.org

Members

New members. Enquiries from projects and businesses that would like to become members of the network are always welcome and they should contact Susan Smith to find out more. If you know of a business/project that might be interested in joining the network or would like to be added to the directory, please contact us. We are also able to support projects and organisations that are considering becoming a social enterprise.

Members' News

Welcome to our newest members.



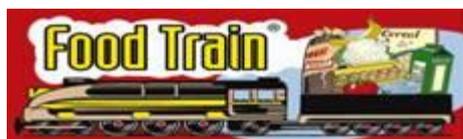
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For information and booking contact: kerry.lewis@westpark.co.uk. 01382 647171
www.westpark.co.uk



The Food Train is a Scottish Charity with local volunteers, providing a vital grocery delivery service to older people living in the Dundee area. This support service helps older people to

live independently within their own communities, by ensuring they have fresh groceries delivered on a regular basis. We collect shopping lists on a Monday and deliveries are made on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday depending on where the customer lives. If you would like more information please call Dundee 459202, email dundee@thefoodtrain.co.uk or contact us at our website www.thefoodtrain.co.uk

Articles to Ponder and Funding

John Sharp Futures Fund - 'Where seeing is believing and doing is achieving'.

The closing date for the round of the fund will be on Friday 29th August 2014. If you are looking to start a social enterprise or have a good idea that might be developed, then please complete an enquiry form at http://dundeesen.org/?page_id=802 or phone Jessie Bruce on 01382 315727. Grants of up to £5,000 can be applied for and support is available with the application process.

Capacity Building Small Grants Fund

The Fund is aimed at groups of people in communities and new/emerging groups who want to increase activities which benefit older people. Level 1 – grants of up to £500 and Level 2 – grants of between £500 and £5000. Funding aims and outcomes - The Small Grants Fund sits within reshaping care for older people programme 10, Capacity Building, aiming to build the capacity of communities to deliver services which maintain older people in their own home.

The projects should meet at least one of the following outcomes; Maintain more people at home, Build community resilience, Improved service users and carers health and wellbeing, Extended co-production. **For further information** Contact Neil Stoddart on 07938 123 917 or neil@dundeesen.org

Think Big! Competition – Angus Centre for Enterprise

Our THINK BIG Business Ideas Competition is here to help you turn your great idea into a great business or give your fledgling business an opportunity to develop further. With a BIG prize fund and free advice from our business experts, there's no better time to THINK BIG!

There are two competition categories: Category 1: New Ideas, Category 2: Business Growth

Just complete the relevant entry form by midnight on Friday 30 May 2014 and submit it alongside your business plan. To be eligible to enter either category, you must be a resident of Angus, Dundee, Perth and Kinross, Fife and be aged 16 or over.

KEY DATES- Closing Date: Friday 30 May 2014. Shortlist Announced by: Friday 6 June 2014

Shortlist presentations to Judging Panel: Thursday 12 June 2014. Winners Announced: 16 June 2014

For more information : <http://enterprise.angus.ac.uk/articles/499/think-big-competition>

The Cultural and Creative Social Enterprise Network

The Cultural and Creative Social Enterprise Network (CCSEN) was the first thematic SEN. Initially started in 2009 the network has grown substantially involving cultural and creative social enterprises from across Scotland. As with the other thematic SENs, CCSEN has a roundtable of individuals strategically placed to help develop and support the cultural and creative social enterprise sector, the Scottish Government sit on each of the Roundtables as do strategic partners such as Creative Scotland and HIE. CCSEN intends to bring social enterprises together to share best practice, provide peer support, resource sharing and development of markets, it creates a focal point for issues specific to the sector, a collective voice and the opportunity to raise awareness and profile of social enterprise. To find out more go to: <http://www.se-networks.net/culturalsen.php>

Health Social Enterprise Network

The Health SEN has been growing in numbers over the past couple of years and now has a dedicated coordinator to develop the network. Danielle Trudeau started in February 2013 and has the support of the established Health and Social Enterprise Roundtable and existing Health SEN

members. Network meetings are held quarterly across Scotland and aim to provide opportunities for learning and development. The Health SEN welcome any social enterprises to the network which have positive impacts on health and well-being. The Health SEN aims to stay current in regards to health and social care legislation and initiatives which support innovative practices to healthy communities. To find out more go to: <http://www.se-networks.net/healthsen.php>

Self-directed Support: Local authority involvement of independent providers - a research report

The Self-directed Support Act commenced on 1st April 2014. At the heart of the Act are four statutory principles, **Participation and Dignity, Collaboration, Involvement** and **Informed Choice**. In many senses they are the beating heart of the legislation. They are about ensuring greater choice and control, greater involvement and participation for those who use social care services in Scotland. **Read the research report**. For support with developing a service contact Neil Stoddart.

Social Enterprise Scotland Launches New National Survey

Social enterprises across Scotland are being urged to fill in [the new short policy-related survey](#). The survey is open to any social enterprise based in Scotland. Please pass the details on to colleagues and through your social enterprise and other local networks. The aim is to gather views and experiences in order to campaign on the issues that matter to all social enterprises - and get action taken on policy. The survey is kindly supported by Resilient Scotland, Social Investment Scotland, The Link Group Ltd and The Wise Group. Also read the [media release](#).

Trellis Survey: Help map the therapeutic gardening sector

Help us paint a more detailed picture of the sector to raise awareness within the profession as well as that of future funders and supporters. We can already see the geographical spread of therapeutic gardening projects across Scotland on the Trellis map <http://www.trellisscotland.org.uk/projects> now we'd like to get the measure of the areas used for growing. *Tell us the size of the area you have under cultivation- from pot plants to hectares of orchard- we want to know about it!* To answer the 4 short questions click on this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SGNJHM2> Results will be published in next month's ebulletin and on the web pages. To sign up for the newsletter go to the Trellis website.

Dates for your Diary

Dundee Social Enterprise Network in partnership with The Social Enterprise Academy: Developing Your Social Enterprise

This intensive business planning programme is for individuals or third sector organisations seeking to develop and grow their social enterprise. This is a practical programme where you will use the time to enhance your core business knowledge and learn about tools and skills to help you to develop and sustain your social enterprise. Starting in April 2014 - the course is spread over 6 days – Module 1 – 29, 30 April; Module 2 – 21, 22 May; Module 3 – 16,17 June. All modules will take place in Dundee. For further information contact Jessie Bruce on 01382 315727. This course is nearly full, but please register if you are interested in the next one. Funded through John Sharp Futures Fund.

Ready for Business Programme - Getting to know the new EU Procurement rules

22nd April. Dundee at Business Gateway, Unit 27, City Quay, Dundee. Don't miss out on the free Ready for Business Procurement Events planned for April which will cover the new EU Procurement Directives. MacRoberts LLP are holding free seminars in Dundee and Edinburgh to discuss the Procurement law changes which the Directives seek to introduce and will cover what the New Directives mean for SMEs and the third sector.

http://www.macroberts.com/content/content_460.aspx?id=361&mode=moreinfo&utm_source=RfB+Social+Enterprise+List&utm_campaign=f7a5bde4a1-Ready_for_Business_Apr_Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_e0c992b29a-f7a5bde4a1-64895469

Health Benefits from Healthcare Settings – building stronger partnerships between Health & Social Care and the Third Sector

28 May 2014 - Battleby Conference Centre, nr Perth

This event is relevant to staff in the health and third sectors with a responsibility for or an interest in working together to deliver benefits from the natural environment surrounding a variety of healthcare settings. Health & Social Care sector interest will include: Area Health Board staff responsible for Estate management, Health Promoting Health Service, Third sector (including volunteer) engagement, Physical activity promotion, Community Health Partnerships, Health Improvement Teams. Third Sector interest will include the broad range of health and environmental organisations that are providing, or would like to provide Green Exercise or practical environmental improvements at healthcare settings. To register your interest contact the Sharing Good Practice Administrator on 01738 458555/6 or email sgp@snh.gov.uk

Do you have an **event or course** that is of interest to social enterprises? Then please contact Susan Morris so that we can work together to promote it.

We have a new **vacancies** section on the DSEN website where we can advertise member organisations' vacancies at no cost to your business.

Members only (contact Susan Morris for your log in) area on the website where we post information that we hope you will find useful. The latest edition of the Procurement Officer Guide and the report from the Community Asset Transfer conference can be found there.

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