



Project Overview

The Childcare for All project will build a potential third sector response to the issues identified in the Dundee Fairness Strategy around affordable and accessible childcare provision. The project will initiate research into options for models for provision of affordable childcare which take account of location, accessibility, affordability and availability beyond Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

The work of the Dundee Fairness Commission undertook a detailed investigation of a broad range of factors associated with poverty. Over 42 000 people in Dundee live in the top 15% ranking of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2016 (SIMD) which makes up 37% of the city's population. Its recommendations were ambitious and endorsed by Dundee City Council and the Dundee Partnership as a whole. This project aims to build on the momentum and commitment generated by the Commission and the strategic thinking and community engagement that informed it by responding to local needs including with debt, stigma, and unemployment.

A steering group of community, third sector and public partners have been working towards a local response to these issues which could take the form of a sustainable, affordable and accessible childcare social enterprise. The Steering group has formed that wants to develop a new shared response to the provision of childcare in the city supporting children and families who need affordable care.

Dundee Social Enterprise Network (DSEN) is the lead partner. DSEN has 10 years experience of supporting people and communities to set up, develop and grow successful social enterprises. DSEN's membership includes 45 established social enterprises and over 30 aspiring members along with 6 corporate / associate members. Together DSEN membership employs over 730 people with a combined turnover of £23.7 million. Funds have been secured from the Aspiring Communities Fund to take the Childcare for All project forward.

Partners

The partners in the Childcare for All project are Dundee International Women's Centre, One Parent Families Scotland, Dundee City Council and Dundee Social Enterprise Network. These are the organisations that form the project's Steering Group although others may still join the group.



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Process and expected outcomes

The Project Coordinator will work with the Research Consultant to deliver the following outcomes by March 2018:

- Existing childcare models in Dundee assessed and evaluated for viability, affordability and sustainability;
- Other childcare models being utilised out-with Dundee assessed and evaluated for viability, affordability and sustainability;
- Communities and partners consulted on findings and most appropriate model for development / expansion in Dundee identified;
- Business plan for social enterprise model to be piloted in Dundee agreed and adopted as basis for Stage 2 Application to Aspiring Communities Fund;
- A formal partnership agreed to take the work forward.

Recruitment process

Bids by tender to: Admin@dundeesen.org

Closing date for bids: 5pm on Friday 27th October 2017

Start date: November 2017

Research Brief

We are seeking to appoint a researcher:

- To review the existing provision of childcare, nursery and after school clubs in Dundee
- To undertake consultation with professionals and the community as well as communities of interest to establish the needs for childcare
- To study successful childcare models in other regions to establish alternative options
- To take a lead from the Project Coordinator on direction of project
- To collaborate with and report to the Project Coordinator

Other tasks that may be included are:

- To advise on organisation legal models
- To provide financial modelling to support the business plan
- To provide a strategic overview for the business plan
- To support a Stage 2 application



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We are looking for a consultant who has knowledge and experience of the childcare sector. Experience of community consultation and stakeholder engagement will be essential. Knowledge of social enterprise is also necessary.

The project is funded by the Aspiring Communities Fund. We will pay a daily rate of £300 which is to include travel expenses and all other associated costs (including overheads and printing) up to a maximum of £26 000.



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