



# What is Social Enterprise?

A social enterprise is an independent, value-based business with a clear social purpose.

Social enterprises trade in many markets, selling goods and services to individual consumers, local authorities, government and private businesses.

They aim to be sustainable in order to meet their social and / or environmental mission.

They are asset locked meaning that all assets and profit are locked into the organisation and cannot be distributed for private gain.

All surplus and profit is reinvested back into the enterprise to further the social purpose, make a difference to people and places, support the local economy and provide a high quality service, product or both.



## Social Enterprises:

- Provide a service or product that there is a demand for
- Make a difference to people, communities, the environment and the local economy
- Provide fair and meaningful employment
- And often offer volunteering opportunities, training and work experience.



# Dundee Social Enterprise Network:

Dundee Social Enterprise Network (DSEN) develops, grows and supports social enterprises in Dundee.

DSEN is a membership organisation whose strength lies in being firmly focused on providing support to social enterprises and aspiring social entrepreneurs based or working in Dundee.

The benefits of being involved in the network include receiving monthly newsletters, listings in the social enterprise directory, invites to network meetings and training events, business development support, signposting to specialist services, Council procurement information, brokering between members and other organisations, advertising on social media to a wide audience.



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