RESPONDING TO CHANGE: Social Enterprise Solutions

Conference

"To change is difficult. Not to change is fatal."

Anon

Wednesday 27th June 2012

9.30am-4.30pm





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The Conference

There are many changes facing the social enterprise sector at the moment. The reduction in public sector finance, new opportunities created by sustainable procurement, consortia working, potential mergers and acquisitions, social media and social investment mean social enterprises need to be even more enterprising in the current economic climate. This conference has been designed to bring together key experts to create a 'virtual toolkit' for organisational change in the current climate. The toolkit will be available electronically to participants following the conference.

Speakers:



Benefits of Attending:

- To explore the impact of the Public Services Bill (social value) and understand the implications for service providers and how this will create market opportunities.
- To reflect on the experience of innovative social enterprises and how they have embraced the opportunities available in the current climate.
- To really understand social investment, how to become investment ready and find out who the investors are.
- To identify effective strategies for social media and understand the difference it can make to a social business.
- To reflect on the learning from a successful business acquisition programme led by Social Firms Scotland.
- All participants will also receive one free follow up session (1 hour) with either iSE, Harris & Harris Accountancy Services CIC or Citizen Enterprises C.I.C. Apply to iSE for more information.

Programme

Choose your own masterclasses to create a bespoke experience.

9.00am	Registration
9.30am	Welcome & Introduction to the Day Sarah Crawley – CEO – iSE Sarah will set the context for organisational change.
9.45am	Something you need to know (for all participants) Innovation & Social Enterprise Jean Jarvis MBE – CEO – Shropshire Furniture Project Jean runs a nationally acclaimed social enterprise that requires her to take advantage of opportunities as they emerge. Jean will share her experience with us as a CEO.
10.20am	Break & Networking
10.40am	Masterclass 1 – (make your selection)
11.40am	Masterclass 2 – (make your selection)
12.40pm	Lunch, Networking & "Market Place for Shop for Change"
2.00pm	 Something you need to know (for all participants) Social Value and the Third Sector Mark Cook – Partner – Anthony Collins Solicitors LLP Mark has been actively involved in the writing of the Public Services Bill (social value). This is of major importance to the sector. This presentation will help organisations to understand the new bill and what they need to do to maximise the opportunities it creates.
2.45pm	Masterclass 3 – (make your selection)
3.45pm	Something you need to know (for all participants) New Approaches to Funding Organisations John Taylor – Head of West Midlands Region – Big Lottery Fund John will describe the changes taking place at the Big Lottery and how organisations can prepare to take advantage of the new opportunities that are emerging.
4.15pm	Closing Remarks

Masterclasses:

Social Investment

Heidi Harris – Harris & Harris Accountancy Services CIC

Heidi is one of the few social investment practitioners that really makes sense. Heidi will describe how to become investment ready, and who the investment agencies are. She will explore a number of scenarios with the participants and answer any questions.

Acquisitions

Karen Anderson – Social Firms Scotland

Karen will provide a practical masterclass on how to acquire a business. Those attending this session will have the opportunity to ask questions and get support to grow their business. Please come along with any practical scenarios you would like to explore.

Structuring Change

Geof Cox – Freelance Social Enterprise Developer

Change presents challenges to large and small organisations. Geof Cox has worked for many years on the transformation of a wide variety of private, public and voluntary sector bodies for social enterprise, and in this masterclass, will share his key insights and practical approaches to successfully implementing structural and cultural change.

Brand Management

Ranjit Bansal – Dynamic Marketing

Brand management is the application of marketing techniques to a specific product, product line or brand. Branding can be forgotten during the process of organisational change and just having a logo isn't enough.

This masterclass will support participants to develop an understanding of the potential that brand management can deliver across their organisation.

Social Media

Martin Hogg – Citizen Enterprises C.I.C

Effective social media is key to any marketing and profile development. This masterclass is for you if you want to develop a social media strategy and understand what will work and what won't! Martin is keen to explore social media queries with the attendees.

Consortia Working

Elizabeth Barker – iSE

There is a strong business case for consortia working. This masterclass will hear of the experience of setting up a consortia and its first year of business. There will then be time to explore questions from the audience.

The format of masterclasses will enable participants to pick and choose what they need for their own learning and to benefit their organisation.

To help you choose we have some suggestions:

A. If you are interested in re-engineering your business:



- Brand Management
- Consortia Working

Pick from below your own conference programme:



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