

Social Enterprise Resources

National organisations and links

Business Link

Should be able to provide access to local advice and support

www.businesslink.gov.uk/socialenterprise

Capacitybuilders Income Generation workstream

www.improvingsupport.org.uk/income

Co-operatives UK

www.cooperatives-uk.coop

Development Trusts Association

www.dta.org.uk

Make your mark

www.makeyourmark.org.uk

Plunkett Foundation

www.plunkett.co.uk

School for Social Entrepreneurs

www.sse.org.uk

Social Enterprise Ambassadors

<http://socialenterpriseambassadors.org>

Social Enterprise Coalition

www.socialenterprise.org.uk

Social Firms UK

www.socialfirms.co.uk

Unltd

www.unltd.org.uk

Regional body

RISE – South West

www.rise-sw.co.uk

Government links

Department of Health Social Enterprise Unit

Information on Social Enterprise Pathfinders Programme, Social Enterprise Fund, Innovation for Life Challenge Fund and commissioning policy and guidance.

<http://tinyurl.com/5bhxfu> or www.dh.gov.uk

Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform

Business law, employment matters, enterprise and business support.

<http://www.berr.gov.uk>

Office of the Third Sector

Information on Social Enterprise Action Plan, Social Enterprise Ambassadors, OTS guidance and resources

www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/social_enterprise.aspx

Networks and media

NAVCA Social Enterprise Advisor's Network (SEAN)

www.navca.org.uk/services/networking/networks/seanetwork

Craig Dearden-Phillips 'The Naked Entrepreneur'

Blog from founding chief executive of Speaking Up and current social enterprise ambassador <http://nakedentrepreneur.blogspot.com/>

Enterprising Solutions Awards

The yearly Enterprising Solutions Awards celebrate the UK's best and most innovative social enterprises. www.enterprisingsolutions.org

NHS Social Enterprise Network

A network for those with an interest in social enterprise and social entrepreneurship in health and care. www.networks.nhs.uk

Make your mark connect

Social networking for potential entrepreneurs, information on local events, ideas and networks www.makeyourmarkconnect.org/

Regeneration and Renewal magazine

www.regen.net

School for social entrepreneurs blog

<http://socialentrepreneurs.typepad.com>

SE Podcasts

Social enterprise podcasts produced by Kibble Centre, Paisley – one of Scotland's largest social enterprises www.sepodcasts.org

Smallbizpod

'Inspiration for entrepreneurs', podcasts on small business including social enterprise www.smallbizpod.co.uk

Socialedge

Social Edge is a global online community for social entrepreneurs www.socialedge.org

Social Enterprises directory

Free online directory to enable social enterprises, entrepreneurs and enterprising charities to network.

www.can-online.org.uk/social_enterprises_directory.php

Social Enterprise Magazine

www.socialenterprisemag.co.uk

UnLtdWorld

Online social network for entrepreneurs

<http://unltdworld.com>

Introductions to enterprise

Guide for Trading

NCVO and Finance Hub

www.financehub.org.uk/redirector.aspx?t=1&i=57

Is it a good idea?

Centre for Charity Effectiveness at Cass Business School guide to help charities assess social enterprise ideas.

www.cass.city.ac.uk/cce/pdf_files/socialenterprise-goodidea.pdf

Social Enterprise: Making it Work for Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Women

Government Equalities Office.

www.equalities.gov.uk/research

The truth about social enterprise

Hull CVS

<http://digbig.com/4xmbe> or <http://www.hullcvs.org.uk>

Tools for Trading

NCVO and Finance Hub

www.financehub.org.uk/redirector.aspx?t=1&i=56

Trading – A Survivors Guide

Deloitte and Charity Finance Directors' Group

www.cfdg.org.uk/crn/doc_detail.asp?ID=0710PFIS0003

Business planning

A Business Planning Guide to Developing a Social Enterprise

Toolkit from Forth Sector

www.forthsector.org.uk/docs/New_BusPlanGuide.pdf

Social Business Plans

Various information on branding, marketing, business planning, elevator pitches etc.

http://thesocialbusiness.typepad.com/social_business_plans

Health

Welcoming social enterprise into health and social care

A resource pack for social enterprise providers and commissioners from the Department of Health. <http://digbig.com/4tyys> or www.dh.gov.uk

Market research

Market research and market reports

Information from Business Link

www.businesslink.gov.uk/bdotg/action/layer?topicId=1073901910&r.s=s

Marketing and branding

Ethical Marketing for Social Enterprises

Powys Equal Partnership

<http://www.alex-bird.com/resource/Ethical%20Marketing%20for%20Social%20Enterprises.doc>

Marketing Your Social Enterprise

Social Enterprise London

www.sel.org.uk/docs/Marketing%20Your%20Social%20Enterprise.pdf

Legal and structures

At a glance guide to legal structures

Business Link

www.businesslink.gov.uk/Taxes_and_Returns_files/LegalStructures.doc

Community Interest Companies (CIC) regulator

www.cicregulator.gov.uk

Companies House

Information on registered companies

www.companieshouse.gov.uk

Financial Services Authority

Information on Industrial and Provident Societies (IPS)

www.fsa.gov.uk/pages/doing/small_firms/msr/societies

For Love and Money: Governance and Social Enterprise

Report commissioned by the Governance Hub and the Social Enterprise Coalition. <http://digbig.com/4weqq> or www.governancehub.org.uk

Keeping it legal – a guide to legal forms for social enterprises

Social Enterprise Coalition/Bates, Wells & Braithwaite. (New edition expected 2009).

www.socialenterprise.org.uk/pages/keeping-it-legal.html

Set up a social enterprise

Business Link

www.businesslink.gov.uk/bdotq/action/layer?topicId=1077475650

Social Enterprise and the Public Sector

A Practical Guide to Law and Policy

Social Enterprise East Midlands. <http://digbig.com/4wcdh> or <http://www.seem.uk.net>

Training

SFEDI

Publishes the National Occupational Standards for Business Support, Business Enterprise, Understanding Enterprise and Pre-Enterprise. These standards include Social Enterprise, the Business Support standards for advisors to social enterprises.

www.sfedi.co.uk

Social Enterprise Training and Support (SETAS)

www.setas.co.uk

Finance

Access funds

www.access-funds.co.uk

Awards for All

www.awardsforall.org.uk

Adventure Capital Fund

www.adventurecapitalfund.org.uk

Big Lottery Fund

BIG includes social enterprises in its list of qualifying organisations

www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

Bridges Community Ventures Ltd

Venture capital fund that invests in SMEs in the 25% most deprived areas of England. Conditions apply re: type of employees, market and use of surplus.

www.bridgesventures.com

Charity Bank

Lends to charitable organisations and social enterprises.

www.charitybank.org

Climbing the Ladder

Social Enterprise London

www.sel.org.uk/docs/Climbing%20the%20Ladder%20Step%20by%20Step.pdf

Community Development Finance Association

Will help you find a CDFI near you. www.cdfa.org.uk

Co-operative action

Aimed at co-operative enterprises.

www.co-operativeaction.co.uk

Co-operative Bank

Experienced at dealing with social enterprises. www.co-operativebank.co.uk

Esmee Fairbairn

Has specific section aimed at social enterprises. www.esmeefairbairn.co.uk

Foursome

Venture capital firm that specialises in socially responsible businesses.
www.foursome.net

Impetus Trust

Makes grants to charitable organisations involved in social enterprise.
www.impetus.org.uk

Industrial Common Ownership Finance

Founder member of CDFA. Offers loans from £5k to £50k. Tends to prefer co-operative/employee owned operations.
www.icof.co.uk

J4b

Website that gives details of business grants and loans.
www.j4b.co.uk

Local investment funds

Offers finance to not-for-profit organisations including social enterprises. Loans from £25k to £250k. Must demonstrate that funding could not be sought from other sources.
www.lif.org.uk

Office of the Third Sector risk capital fund for social enterprise

A £20m fund currently under consultation by OTS
www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/funding_finance_support/risk_capital_fund.aspx

Office of the Third Sector information on Social Investment

www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/funding_finance_support/social_investment.aspx

The Social Enterprise Loan Fund

www.tself.org.uk

Triodos Bank

www.triodos.co.uk

Triodos Opportunities Fund

<http://digbig.com/4xmaf> or www.triodos.co.uk

Unltd

www.unltd.org.uk

Unity Trust Bank

Offer accounts to social enterprises but not loans.

www.unity.uk com

Venturesome fund

www.cafonline.org/venturesome

Department of Health Social Enterprise Investment Fund

www.dh.gov.uk/en/Managingyourorganisation/Commissioning/socialenterprise/dh_073426

Further links to resources

Social Enterprise Coalition – in construction

www.socialenterprise.org.uk/resources.php

Social Firms Resources

<http://resources.socialfirms.co.uk>