



Social Enterprise Partnership GB Ltd.

Overview and Programme Update

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The Social Enterprise Partnership (SEP) is a project funded by the EQUAL Community Initiative programme, the Department of Trade and Industry and other funders





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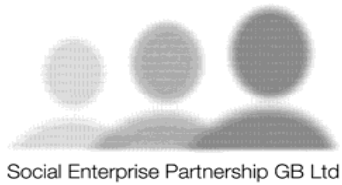
- Coops UK
- Development Trusts Association
- New Economics Foundation
- Social Enterprise London
- Social Enterprise Coalition
- Social Firms UK

In addition, up to 40 additional partners are involved in the operational delivery and/or are providing funding



SEP Goals

1. To **raise awareness** of social enterprise and its contribution to economic activity and social inclusion
2. To **improve the performance** of social enterprises
3. To make the social enterprise **support system more effective**
4. To **mainstream best practice** and innovation within the social enterprise sector



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Partnership Approach

Some questions SEP is trying to answer are:

- What are the products and outcomes that are better achieved in partnership rather than organisations working individually?
- Where does social enterprise cross-sector working add value?
- What are the lessons that can be learned from working as a national partnership?
- What are the implications for future cross sector co-operation?



SEP Project Portfolio

A) Four central projects

B) Seven regional and national projects

In five Regions (London, South East, North East, West Midlands and Yorkshire and Humber) and Wales and Scotland

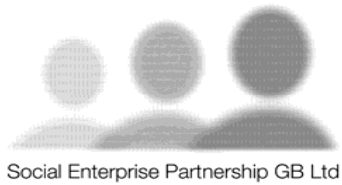


SEP A) Central Projects

1) Quality & Impact

The ultimate result of the project will be:

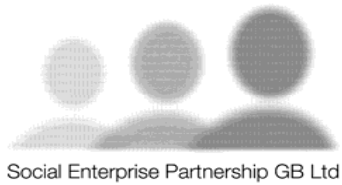
- To allow social enterprises to **prove** their added value
- To help social enterprises to **improve** their performance



SEP A) Central Projects

1) Quality & Impact

- Needs analysis of the social enterprise sector in relation to quality and impact tools
- Pilot a range of quality and impact measurement tools
- Adapt tools to the needs of social enterprises
- Help better understand the value of these tools
- Facilitate better access to appropriate tools and the supporting resources



SEP A) Central Projects

2) Training

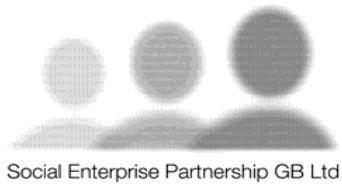
- Production of new occupational standards for SE managers and advisors
- Functional mapping of training needs within the sector
- Develop new training material
- Endorse training courses on the basis of the new standards



SEP A) Central Projects

3) Business Advisor Register

- National register of business advisors for the social enterprise sector
- Establish on-line database of consultants
- Develop guidance notes on selecting, quality assuring, and managing consultants



SEP A) Central Projects

4) Minimising Disincentives

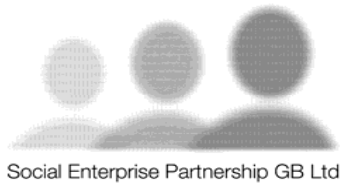
- With King's College London, SEP is examining disincentives in the UK benefits systems for potential social enterprise employees



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B) Regional Projects

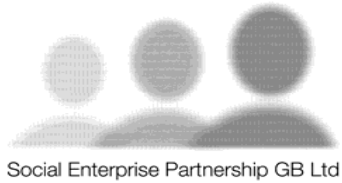
- Regional partnerships of SEP national partners and other strategic regional partners
- Build regional support infrastructure and raise awareness of the SE sector
- Delivery of a whole series of activities to start new social enterprises



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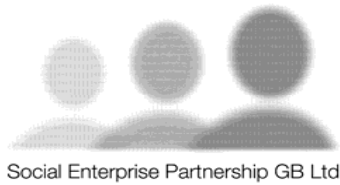
- Quality measurement tools are being tested by SE throughout the UK
- Q&I project develops website and toolkit
- National occupational standards will be finalised shortly



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- Business support register online with over 150 registrations
- Report on Disincentives will be published in October
- NESEP held Northeast Social Enterprise Awards, which also included a Trade Fair and workshops



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- SEP Wales supports a new Co-op Social Firm in West Wales
- SEL launched shopping portal for SE
- SEL and West Midlands are testing the DTI toolkit on public procurement



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Outlook

- Wide range of results and outcomes, national and regional
- Strong basis for future co-operation established
- Strong regional SE networks established with a future after the SEP project
- Strategic outcomes mainstreamed by the Social Enterprise Coalition



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