

Professional Development for Social Enterprise Advisors

Who for?

People employed as advisers, development workers, business development managers, local and community development workers and other job roles which involve supporting or advising new, emerging or established social enterprises. This can include newly appointed trainee staff and more experienced workers interested in their own personal professional development. The programme is not open to public sector employees.

What level?

The programme is based on the SFEDI national occupational standards in social enterprise support and will lead to a VRQ (Vocationally-Related Qualification) at Level 5 issued by the Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM).

What's involved?

There are three main parts to the programme – Professional Development Planning (PDP) and Understanding Social Enterprise (USE) – plus a choice of one of three new social enterprise courses to be developed – Promoting Social Enterprise, Developing Social Enterprises or Sustaining Social Enterprises.

Time commitment

Each of the three main parts of the programme will involve four one-day workshops, a total of 12 days for the full programme, plus additional time spent undertaking work-based assignments for the qualification. Workshops will be spread out over an eighteen month period between May 2006 and November 2007.

Where?

The workshops will be run at three or four centres in the South East at locations most convenient to all participants. A fund is available to cover above average travel costs.

Costs

The programme is co-financed by the South East England Development Agency (SEEDA) and the European Social Fund (ESF). Participant's employers are required to contribute £500 towards the cost. RAISE is offering full bursaries to 20 voluntary and community sector organisations, financed through ChangeUp.

Next steps

Applicants and their employers are asked to attend the Awareness Events which are being held in each of the eight social enterprise county networks in the South East. For further details contact Janette Beetham at Focus to Work CIC.

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