

Strategic Partnership Highlight & Exception Report



<p>Strategic Partnership (Name of Partnership you are reporting on)</p>	<p>Argyll & Bute Social Enterprise Network</p>
<p>CPP Thematic Group (i.e Economy, Environment or Social Affairs)</p>	<p>Economy</p>
<p>CPP Outcome (please select – you can select more than one outcome)</p> <p>Please refer to attached table for more detail on each CPP Outcome.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP01 – competitive and successful businesses</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP02 – sustainable economic assets</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP03 – vibrant towns that are centres of economic growth</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP04 – promoting our cultural, social and natural heritage</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP05 – Utilising our environment to create employment and prosperity</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP06 – Protecting our unique area</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP07 – services are planned and delivered based on local need</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP08 – overall health, wellbeing, independence and social inclusion are improved</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP09 – people feel safe and secure</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP010 – our diverse culture is celebrated</p>

Activity Summary in Period

(please state period you are reporting on)

August 2011 – November 2011

- **11 New Social Enterprises established**
- **3 Social Enterprises securing extension to SLA funding**
- **14 Future Jobs in Enterprise extended**
- **3 Community Jobs posts created**
- **15 Community Jobs posts submitted to next phase**
- **105 e-mail/telephone enquiries handled from Social Enterprise Contacts**
- **Work continues with Argyll & Bute Local Services Initiative (ABLSI) on key themes of Procurement & Risk Management, Funding & Open Book Budgeting, Skills assets & Physical Assets.**
 - **Children & Families Workshops held on 5th August, 27th September and 31st October. Draft proposal on funding process now been taken through Council Mgmt team. groups on risk & procurement**
 - **ABSEN attended meeting with A&B Council and Recycling groups to review funding cuts and future business plans.**
 - **Attendance at 6 ABLSI sub group and steering group meetings.**
 - **Learning visit to Wales with Recycling Organisations.**
- **Support visits to 11 potential/new and existing social enterprises.**
- **ABSEN Conference held in Rothesay on 5th/6th and 7th October.**
 - **3 training workshops held (24 organisations attended)**
 - **2 learning visits – 15 organisations attended)**
 - **1 Consultation event – 15 organisations attended**
 - **Dragon's Den Competition – 4 winners (one organisation has gone on to obtain 2nd level Firstport Award)**
 - **Scottish Social Enterprise Coalition held Policy Breakfast on last day of conference. Attendees included Rory Colville – Spokesperson Third Sector & Communities, and Mike Russell MSP. .**
- **ABSEN has just appointed a Graduate as their Communications and Outreach Officer. The Officer will assist in the following –**
 - **Developing capacity to gather and communicate information to a wide audience to assist the development of Social Enterprise in Argyll and Bute and the UK**
 - **Improving the communications with members and the wider community of practitioners across the UK**
 - **Provision of regular case studies and information and highlight opportunities for Social Enterprises**

	<p>and partners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Upgrading ABSEN website.
Key Challenges & Actions to Address	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continue support to recycling organisations in preparation for, and attending meetings with Argyll & Bute Council. ● Continuing to develop a skills bank of ABSEN Associates to support member organisations. ● Continue to support social enterprises impacted by current economic situation through - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provision of appropriate training/alerting organisations to other training available. 2. General business support through ABSEN Associates. 3. Provision of networking opportunities through Regional Meetings. Next meeting (Tarbert) 13th December, 2011. 4. Regular communication with social enterprises through twice monthly newsletters, bulletins, and web site. 5. Representing ABSEN & members at appropriate meetings, workshops, conferences, training events etc. 6. Development Manager support through visits to potential, new and existing social enterprises. 7. Promoting work of social enterprises in Argyll & Bute ● Increase ABSEN Membership ● Create & maintain a relevant, responsive, interactive ABSEN web site
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