

## SOCIAL ENTERPRISE DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY (SEDG)

### LAUNCH OF NETWORK

THURSDAY 4 MARCH 2021

#### Attendees:

Norma Austin Hart	Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway (TSDG)
Laura Douglas	SSEAL
Diane Laws	SSEAL
Christine Clarke	TSDG Engagement Officer
Katie Nairn	TSDG
Sarah Cameron	SENScot
Aimee Hesp	Community Land Scotland
Christina Johnston	Stranraer Development Trust
Craig McEwan	The Usual Place
Denys Potter Smith	Potters
Duncan Card	Annandale Community Transport
Frank Hayes	... For Enjoyment
Grace Cordozo	Sleeping Giants
Ian Wilbur	Dalbeattie Community Initiative
Leah Halliday	The Guild
Lincoln Richford	Wanlockhead Trust
Matt Baker	The Stove
Meta Maltman	Glentrool & Bargrennan Community Trust
Sharon Glendinning	Crawick Multiverse
Finlay Lamont	Community Reuse Shop
Paul Smith	Community Reuse Shop
Gordon Scobie	Community Reuse Shop
Wilma White	Community Reuse Shop

#### Apologies

Selina McMorran	SSEAL
Judith Hewitt	Devils Porridge
Margaret Pool	Langholm Initiative

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## Seeding Social Enterprise Across the Land (SSEAL) Project - description of the SSEAL project and the background to setting up this group.

The attached presentation (which was used in the meeting) provides a high-level description of SSEAL.

The SSEAL project consultants can be contacted via Laura and Diane:

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**Vision for SE in D&G** – the following thoughts were gathered from the three breakout groups. We will bring these together and share with SEDG at the next meeting to finalise a vision statement.

- If people in the sector don't know what a SE is then, how can others... Need to get SE values across to public. – needs an identity – SE needs to take its rightful place
- Communication
- To progressively bring awareness through partnership working and community involvement
- Be a voice for the good – action not just words/talking shop
- Supported a thriving community of social enterprises across D&G
- Social economy – vision of a mixed economy working towards social good – the triple bottom line – social, economic and environmental
- There is room for growth. Make the most of SE. Growth should be connected – working more with each other – many orgs have similar aims and objectives.
- Build social capital / share knowledge / D&G – a natural place to grow a social economy/SE (like the dual purpose of the word natural – it should be a natural option to be a SE)
- A vision statement could possibly use terms such as wellbeing, inspiring communities, empowering, social wealth, equity, social justice, dignity, choice.
- Suggested vision statements included:
  - 'Supporting Communities to be self-supporting'
  - Community Partnerships driving the Social Economy
  - Collaboration; accessibility; aspiration; ambition; inspiration; connected; success; peer-led;

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**Mission for Social Enterprise in D&G** the following thoughts were gathered from the 3 breakout groups. We will bring these together and share with SEDG at the next meeting to finalise a mission statement.

- Connect, advocate, support, inspire, initiate, learn, share.
  - Publicise the existence of a support network in D&G for the SE community
  - To develop and regenerate through championing social enterprise.
  - Be proactive.
  - Knowledge and best practice sharing
  - Empower (the sector, and others to be a part of the sector)
  - Be a "greenhouse" to enable growth of SEs (grow the network then the network grows others).
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- Create an environment that Nourish and nurture. (Be the gardener nourishing all the seedlings. Watch them flourish. Tend to them. Propagate.)
  - Together / togetherness. Be inclusive. Sustain. Room for diversity.
  - To create life changing opportunities.
  - A mission statement could possibly use terms such inclusion, accessibility to the community, make a positive difference
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## Objectives of SEDG

The group agree that the new network should provide the following activities or objectives:-

- **Expert Advice** - Help to lead or link to experts who can help them. Areas would include legal advice, IT/technical support.
  - **Resources** - To provide resources to support new and existing SEs.
  - **National network** - To link into the national SENScot forum so SE's can access the service they provide.
  - **Financial /business advice** -To help SE's take the next step to making money – financial advice, procurement advice.
  - **Tendering** - To provide advice and support on contracts and tendering
  - **Raise Awareness** - Promoting the SE to others in D&G and beyond
  - **Peer Support** - Provide a forum for SE across D&G to meet new people to enable working together, sharing of information.
  - **Young People** - Help to seed and support future social entrepreneurs.
  - **Ongoing support** - To provide support (hand holding) throughout the lifespan of a project with a continuity of personal
  - **Coaching** - Coaching, mentoring and a sounding board.
  - **Awareness Raising** - To raise awareness of SE with institutions such as the Council and Health Authority
  - **Learning from others** - Share best practice and lessons learnt.
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## SENScot – the national Social Enterprise Network

Sarah Cameron attended from SENScot to provide an overview of the support and services they provide to SE's. A representative from SENScot will attend each SEDG meeting. If you are not familiar with their work please access via this weblink - [SENScot](#),

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## Next steps and date of next meeting

COGIT –If you are interested in joining COGITS (Chief Officers' Group in the Third Sector) please let me know by reply and I will ensure an invitation is sent out to you for **22 April at 10am**. You can also sign up for our bulletin using this weblink [www.tsdq.org.uk](http://www.tsdq.org.uk) to find out about our COGITS meetings Model for Mentoring – this will be discussed at COGITS and may be useful for SEDG as a group and also for individual SE's to use within their own organisations. This will be discussed at the next SEDG meeting.

The next meeting will be in May 2021 and the agenda will include discussing terms of reference for SEDG. An invite will be issued closer to the time.

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