



## NOTE OF MEETING

### Social Enterprise Dumfries and Galloway (SEDG)

**21<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

**12:00 – 14:00**

**Present:** Kathryn Hill, Midsteeple Quarter; Margaret Pool, The Langholm Initiative; Joyce Ireland, Langholm Initiative; Julie Chisholm, Dumfriesshire & Stewartry Woman's Aid; Mhairi Ross, Apex Scotland (Dumfries); Esther McGarva, Whithorn Rebuild; Kirsty Robertson, Loreburn Housing; Lynda Middleton, Dumfries Toy Library; Lindsey Smith, The Stove Network; Kateryna Stoian, TSDG; Christine Leadbeater, Dumfries Toy Library

**Apologies:** Rosemary Jackson, Springholm Nursery

**Chair:** Beth Morrison, Just Breathe O2

**Note Taker:** Selina McMorran, TSDG

**Speakers:** Richard Smith, NHS; Robbie Pennock, The Better Health Generation; Lisa Gallagher, Flexibility Works, Lara Matthews, Genesis- Occupational Health

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#### **Welcome/ Introduction**

Beth Morrison welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

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#### **Social Enterprise National Strategy- Action Plan update 2024/26**

Social Enterprise Scotland have been commissioned by Scottish Government to create the last 2 year action plan for the 10 year national Social Enterprise Strategy 2016/26, they have carried out several consultation days with the sector to influence the new action plan. There will be an opportunity to find out more on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April, through our Online Conversation. More information will follow.

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#### **Overview- Employability Framework**

The employability framework has been created in collaboration between Sharee Donoghue, Lead Officer for Employability, Skills, Learning and Employability Lead and Procurement Manager.

To view the presentation click [here](#).

For more information contact Sharee Donoghue at [sharee.donoghue@tsdg.org.uk](mailto:sharee.donoghue@tsdg.org.uk)

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### Healthy Working Lives

Richard Smith from the Public Improvement Team he joined us talk about NHS support and referral service for staff absent – or at risk of absence – from work due to health conditions.

They offer a wide range of training and resources.

For more information about the service click [here](#).

For the their flyer click [here](#).

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### Flexibility Works

Lisa Gallagher joined the meeting to share what services they deliver to organisations:

'Flexibility Works is a boutique consultancy and training organisation that provides practical tools, support and resources to help employers create a successful flexible working culture. We are a team of leading experts and commentators, bringing a depth of knowledge, insight and years of practical experience to help businesses and individuals thrive.'

For more information click [here](#).

For the presentation click [here](#).

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### The Better Health Generation

Robbie Pennock joined the meeting today to talk about the services available through The Better Health Generation:

'We tailor bespoke, employment-focused programmes to facilitate re-entry and return to the workforce, and increase resilience. Our capacity programmes and health solutions ensure staff are the best version of themselves. Our trained clinicians provide health advisory services and employee assistance programmes, as well as training solutions to strengthen your team's wellbeing skills and knowledge.'

For more information click [here](#).

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### Genesis – Occupational Health

Lara Matthews joined the meeting to discuss the support services delivered through their organisation:

'Genesis are a professional consultancy offering occupational and environmental health and safety services to a variety of clients of varying sizes throughout the UK and Europe.'

For more information click [here](#).

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### **SE Updates and information sharing**

There were no organisation updates at this meeting.

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### **AOCB**

The procurement training that has been delivered over the last 3 months has now come to end, online resources will be available to everyone at the end April.

For any groups looking for support with understanding or learning more about procurement, you can get free support through [TSDG](#) or join [Just Enterprise](#).

You can also access free online training through the [Supplier Development Programme](#).

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**Date of Next meeting**    **The next SEDG meeting will be on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August. The meeting will be run as an Alternative Funding Event.**

**More information to follow.**

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