



## NOTE OF MEETING

### Social Enterprise Dumfries and Galloway (SEDG)

19<sup>th</sup> January 2022

10.00 – 12:00

**Present:** Norma Austin-Hart, TSDG; Laura Douglas, SSEAL (TSDG); Selina McMorran, TSDG; Matt Baker; The Stove; James McClung, Old Luce Development Trust; Geoff Allison, Dalbeattie Men's Shed; Emma Duncan, Creation Mill CIC; Christina Johnston; Stranraer Development Trust; Sharon Glendinning, The Crawick Multiverse Trust; Laura Moodie, Midsteeples Quarter; David Bradbury, Let's Get Sporty; David Smith, Old School Thornhill; Margaret Pool, The Langholm Initiative

**Apologies:** Kalpana Ratnam-Roarty, UCI; Sue Irving, Loreburn Housing

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#### Introduction

Norma welcomed every and provided the group with background on the SSEAL project how the SEDG was identified at being one of the priorities from the DG SE Strategy.

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#### Introduction of SEDG chair

Norma introduced Matt Baker as the new chair of the SEDG.

Matt spoke to the group about his passion and ambition for the SEDG. He touched on:

- Community wealth building: delivering a wellbeing economy
- Advocating and educating
- Communicating with the SEs to discovering the needs of organisations
- Develop a shared strategy
- To promote the success of SEs
- SEs could be the future for economy in DG
- ['Levelling up' agenda](#)

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#### D&G Social Enterprise Strategy and action plan update

Laura presented a short recap of the steps taken to establish the SE Strategy.

Laura presented on the action plan that is currently in development – to see this presentation click [here](#).

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Call to action: members of the SEDG were invited to join a short life working group to discuss which actions need to be prioritise as well as influence the action plan.

Matt went round the room to find out how people felt with regards to the strategy and being part of the short life working group.

Everyone at the meeting agreed to support the working group and receive communications about meetings and progress. It is understood that levels of commitment will vary according to people's availability and workload, but all were happy to receive the invite and agenda for the first meeting of the working group.

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### **Unlocking Potential**

Laura talked about 'Unlocking Potential'

Unlocking Potential is an online platform to measure, and help develop social capital presentation [here](#).

If you would like more information about the Unlocking Potential tool, please email [sedg@tsdg.org.uk](mailto:sedg@tsdg.org.uk)

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### **SE Directory**

Selina talked about the development of a DG SE directory. An email was sent out before Christmas to sign up the directory.

The directory will be accessible through the TSDG website and will hold information about the organisation. Please see this document as an example of what is being developed. [GSEN pocket guide](#).

If you would like to sign up to this directory, please click [here](#). (see list of groups already signed up in covering email)

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### **AOCB**

Laura shared the 'Ignite' programme with members:  
Calling all 16- to 25-year-olds!

Would you like to run a business that could support positive change in your community?

When you complete Social Enterprise Dumfries and Galloway's free IGNITE programme, you'll not only have access to a start-up grant, but you will benefit from the skills, training and mentoring to make your enterprise a success!

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IGNITE could help set you up for a bright future. If you are aged between 16 and 25, can spare a few hours a week during March and live within Dumfries and Galloway or the Scottish Borders we want to hear from you!

The IGNITE programme is a short course, flexibly delivered over the month of March, backed up with one-to-one mentoring sessions and the tools to pitch to a funding panel who may be able to offer you actual financial support to turn your idea into reality.

Social enterprises are businesses that are changing the world for the better. They are in our communities and on our high streets already, from coffee shops and cinemas to pubs and leisure centres, banks, and bus companies, using their profits to create positive social change.

[Apply now at IGNITE Application Form \(tfaforms.com\)](http://tfaforms.com)

IGNITE closes to applications on Friday 4th February. There are 12 places available on the programme. If a suitable candidate shows a keen interest from the 25-30 bracket, they will also be considered on merit.

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**Date of Next meeting**    **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 10am – 12pm**

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