



Resources:

USEFUL BOOKS AND GUIDES:

National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO):

- The Good Guide to Trading: Getting Ready for Enterprise, by Atul Patel and Rosalind Oakley, NCVO, June 2009 [costs £25, but WRC has a copy in our library]
- Sustainable Funding Project: Guide to Trading [Can be downloaded from NCVO website or WRC has a copy in library]

Social Enterprise London Guides:

- Social Enterprise in the Third Sector
- The Social Enterprise Starting Point Guide
- Keeping it Legal: Legal forms for social enterprises [a bit out of date as it does not include Community Interest Companies, but good overview]
- Climbing the Ladder: step by step finance for social enterprise

[All available free from their website]

Social Enterprise Coalition:

- Keeping it legal: a guide to legal forms for social enterprises
- Unlocking the potential: a guide to finance for social enterprises
- Healthy business: a guide to social enterprise in health and social care
- Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic social enterprises – the business of opportunity and empowerment

[Cost £10 each or £6 for members]

Directory of Social Change (sells a range of useful publications):

- Voluntary but not Amateur: a guide to the law for voluntary organisations and community groups, Ruth Hayes and Jackie Reason, DSC, 2009 [WRC has a copy of this book in its library.]
- Social Enterprise in the Balance, Cathy Pharoah, Duncan Scott & Andrew Fisher, CAF

SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS

Business Link www.businesslink.gov.uk;

Business Link Helpline

0845 600 9 006;

Social Enterprise section of website:

<http://www.blondon.com/SocialEnterprise/SocialEnterpriseHome.aspx>

Free business advice and support service - has two advisors in London who specifically support people interested in setting up social enterprise. Also, lots of useful information and resources on its website.

Community Action Network www.can-online.org.uk

Provides low cost shared office space, support and investment for social enterprises.

Development Trusts Association www.dta.org.uk

Membership organisation for development trusts.

FEAT Project www.featproject.org.uk (part of Urban Inclusion)

Provides advice and support for Black, Asian and minority ethnic women who want to set up social enterprises (mainly in the East London boroughs near the Olympics site, but may support others too.)

National Council for Voluntary Organisations www.ncvo-vol.org.uk

Runs the Sustainable Funding Project which runs training and provides guides to trading. The main NCVO website also provides lots of useful resources regarding charities and trading.

Social Enterprise London www.sel.org.uk ; Email: info@sel.org.uk;

Phone 020 7022 1920

Provides resources, support, training and networking for those interested in social enterprise in London.

Social Enterprise Coalition www.socialenterprise.org.uk

National organisation representing and supporting social enterprise. Produce some useful publications.

Red Ochre www.redochre.org.uk

Provides consultancy, organisational support and training to third sector organisations and public bodies. Has a specific project advising and supporting people from Black, Asian, minority ethnic and refugee backgrounds to set up social enterprises. Also provides free mentoring and advice to start-ups and new organisations.

School for Social Entrepreneurs www.sse.org.uk ; Phone: 020 8981 0300

Provides training and support for people interested in setting up social enterprises.

Women's Resource Centre www.wrc.org.uk

We run free training courses on social enterprise for women's organisations and can provide some support to women's organisations which are considering trading as a new way to earn income. Books and guides on social enterprise available in our resource library.

FINANCE

Adventure Capital Fund www.adventurecapitalfund.org.uk

Provides a mixture of loans and grants along with mentoring and business development support for social enterprise.

Community Development Finance Association www.cdfa.org.uk

The cdfa is a network of Community Development Finance Institutions (CDFIs). "CDFIs are sustainable, independent financial institutions that provide capital and support to enable individuals or organisations to develop and create wealth in disadvantaged communities or under-served markets." See their 'Finding Finance' page which helps you find sources of funding in your area.

Co-operative and Community Finance www.icof.co.uk

Provides loans to co-operatives, employee owned businesses and social enterprises.

London Rebuilding Society www.londonrebuilding.com

Provides loans to social enterprises in the greater London area.

The Social Investment Business www.socialinvestmentbusiness.org; Telephone enquiry line 0191 2615200

Manages several funds providing loans, grants and support to social enterprise:

- Social Enterprise Investment Fund (specifically health and social care)
- Communitybuilders Fund
- Adventure Capital Fund

The Social Enterprise Loan Fund www.tself.org.uk

Provides loans to social and community enterprises (between £25,000 and £250,000). Also has links to regional community investment funds that provide loans.

UnLtd www.unltd.org.uk

Provides grants, loans and support to individuals who want to develop social enterprise ideas.

Venturesome (part of Charities Aid Foundation) www.cafonline.org

Provides investment loans to charities and social enterprises (between £20,000 and £350,000)

CHARITIES AND TAX INFORMATION

HM Revenue and Customs www.hmrc.gov.uk

HMRC Charities Helpline

You can contact the Charities Helpline on Tel 0845 302 0203 (open from 8.00 am to 5.00 pm, Monday to Friday).

Charity Commission www.charity-commission.gov.uk

See their guide CC35: 'Trustees, Trading and Tax: How charities may lawfully trade'