

DTA WALES ENTERPRISING SOLUTIONS PROGRAMME



INTRODUCTION

DTA Wales' Enterprising Solutions programme is supported by the National Lottery Community Fund. Running from early 2017 until March 2021, the programme aims to support the development of community enterprises across Wales. Receiving a total of **£499,484 in funding**, at its outset, Enterprising Solutions proposed working with **100 community groups** across Wales.

Following DTA Wales' 'peer-to-peer mentoring support approach', Enterprising Solutions aims to use the knowledge and expertise of community enterprise practitioners to help develop and support new enterprises.

This Infographic summarises the findings of an independent Evaluation undertaken by Wavehill consultants, in 2018/2020.

Enterprising Solutions is a highly regarded programme due to the support that it provides as well as the way in which that support is provided, via experienced community enterprise practitioners.

Support available through the programme included:

 <p>Peer-to-peer mentoring from experienced community enterprise practitioners</p>	 <p>Access to specialist mentoring</p>	 <p>Events (including masterclasses focused on particular themes and study visits)</p>	 <p>A self-directed study bursary to facilitate visits to similar community enterprises elsewhere in the UK</p>	 <p>Access to the project's Basecamp project management system and online resources</p>
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ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

Enterprising Solutions programme started in 2017



SURVEY RESULTS



83% of respondents to the survey identified that the programme had provided them with what they anticipated when they signed up to it.

When asked to expand on the likelihood of them recommending Enterprising Solutions, over half of the supported groups referred to the fact that the support had been targeted towards their organisation's needs through the healthcheck tool and through identifying the right mentor to offer the support they required.

OUTCOMES

- groups are more confident
- groups have a better understanding of community enterprises and the skills required to run them
- groups are better networked with community enterprises in Wales



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IMPACTS

SOCIAL



The mentor had us totally redefine our business plan and make the entire project aims and objectives focus on the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act. This meant that we were able to secure £500,000 in funding from the Welsh Government and renovate the building and open the community centre in June 2019.

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ECONOMIC



Where it works well, the support provided through mentoring is more valuable than just generic business planning advice, providing holistic support, and tailoring business planning support to the specific needs of the group.



This will open up all sorts of avenues for her enterprise, and I am certain that it would not have happened if not for the support we've given her through Enterprising Solutions.

Co-ordinator



I would highly recommend Enterprising Solutions as they have been brilliant. We had been trying unsuccessfully for seven years and not made any progress while working with Enterprising Solutions we achieved our objective very quickly. The staff are very friendly and supportive, and they have excellent contacts and have a lot of know how.

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ENVIRONMENTAL



DTA Wales works with communities and organisations to develop sustainable and resilient solutions and to understand their impact on the environment and climate change as well as to take practical actions and create positive benefits.

A number of Enterprising Solutions Projects have had positive environmental benefits and actions as part of their community enterprise and have also been signposted to our Renew Wales climate action programme and other support to develop this aspect.



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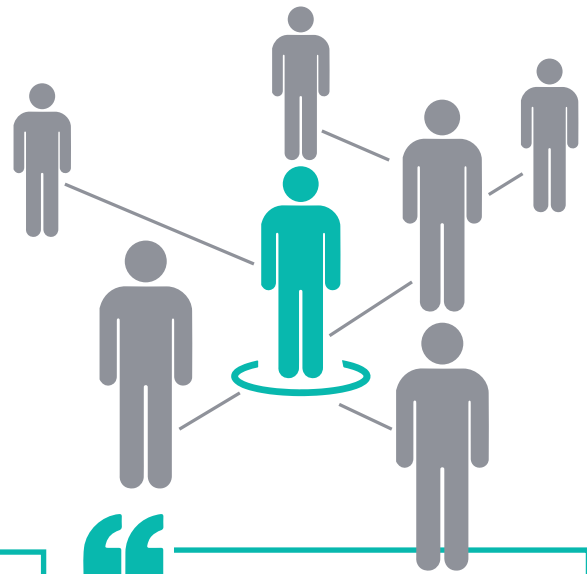
Enterprising Solutions has enabled groups to take practical steps in planning, developing and managing a sustainable community enterprise

There is evidence that the majority of groups who have received support through the programme are more confident, have a better understanding of community enterprises and the skills required to run them, and are better networked with community enterprises in Wales as a result of the support provided.

CONNECTING

Enterprising Solutions is best understood as being a catalyst, making things happen more quickly or more effectively than in the absence of the support. Enterprising Solutions support has led to many community enterprises being better connected with their peers and communities

Six groups who received Enterprising Solutions support on the island of Anglesey came together to found a new community enterprise called Bro Môn.



I would recommend Enterprising Solutions, because the Mentor that they put me in touch with was absolutely fantastic. Their knowledge of working in the third sector was unlike anybody I've known. They have such a great background and they shared that knowledge with us.

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I would recommend Enterprising Solutions as they listen to you and provide the support that you asked for. The Mentor was very knowledgeable about setting up a charity and provided all the information I needed to be able to do this. They are very supportive and well organised.

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It would have taken us much longer to get the information that we needed. We may have gone down the wrong route and then we would have had to figure out how to correct things. Enterprising Solutions led directly down the right path and helped us with making informed decisions.

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