

Attachment 4: Support needs of social enterprises

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- We are a young CIC and have various support needs e.g. Website development, financial advice and accountancy, marketing, office space and equipment. We are currently trying to secure some funding for set up / core costs.
- We would need one to one support, mentoring and appropriate training on the transition from charity to trading and managing the double bottom line.
- We need support in the fundamentals of running a non-profit social enterprise, which involve basic issues such as affordable premises.
- A social enterprise forum, where people can exchange goods and services.
- We are undergoing a period of change and Managing Director is off on maternity leave but we will be building the business from June 2007 and would appreciate strategic support at this time.
- With the predicted increase in interest for social enterprises and subsequent growth - support for managing change and advice on how Social Enterprises can grow without overstretching themselves.
- I would be interested in specific funding pots for social enterprise. For marketing and training) and an office location in Brighton dedicated to social enterprises.
- We are open to network with all areas of the community, and to glean from areas that we feel will enable us to grow with stability and wisdom without distracting from our primary goal of 'competent citizenship'
- We do a lot of work in Brighton & Hove but know there are areas of significant deprivation where our services are needed.
- Resources & capital funding to cover basic overheads
- Any support etc needs to understand the ethos of the third sector
- I would say that a directory should make clear both what organisations need and what they can offer one another.
- Kala phool is young in its development but holds a strong and healthy portfolio of work which is a great basis to develop.
- Macs-plus mainly needs help with promoting the services we offer
- As we are a specialist service it is difficult to know what support is out there that we could access. However we could use a lot of support for our embryonic business activities at all levels.
- Just more volunteers needed
- I think this is a really exciting idea and would be pleased to be involved. It is often difficult to make the connection needed to form these important networks and partnerships.
- Training as well as support please
- We know that we are helping to reduce hazardous waste, but no-one can tell us if we can apply for any money for doing it. (It seems to only apply to contracted people who process a ton at a time). And what will PC World, Dixons and Currys do in the future, when they take back broken pcs under the WEEE Directive? Will they send all that recyclable IT equipment to the third world? Can they be reminded that there are 6000 disabled people in Brighton alone?
- SIS would benefit from an experienced social enterprise mentor to help us develop and deliver our Business Plan.
- We are on a continuous learning Curve and would be open to most forms of support that could be offered. Mentorship is another possibility.
- I would like to know the most effective way to lobby local and national government to change their procurement practices to favour Social Enterprises. For example, when considering route tenders, social enterprises should be chosen before conventional companies providing they can provide the service in question.
- Legal, Financial, employment and marketing / public relations support.
- This unique facility has so many benefits for the community that it is almost impossible to list them. It has not only created the meeting place that this outlying area of the city was lacking but has created a learning environment for all age groups. It has so many facets that can only be appreciated by visiting it.

We are at the beginning stage of development and we are interested in getting more information about the Community Interest Company as we would like to ensure that TEN is rooted in a community ethos.
It would be useful to have some information on getting help in the form of grants.