



About RISE...

RISE supports the development of a sustainable social enterprise sector in South West England.

We aim to ensure that social enterprises have access to high quality business support throughout the region by providing them with information and resources.

RISE helps them by drawing support organisations together to develop a programme of training and assessment for business advisors, and provide opportunities for networking, problem-solving and sharing of good practice.

We also provide a link to policy-makers in the South West and to national policy through the Social Enterprise Coalition.

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About the Co-op...

The Co-operative Group is a consumer co-operative, owned and controlled by its members, which operates a range of businesses serving its members and delivering its social goals whilst making a reasonable return for its owner-members.

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About SWCMC...

The South West Co-operative and Mutual Council represents co-operatives and mutuals in the South West.

You can contact SWCMC
c/o the Co-operative Group
(see above)



Social enterprises are businesses with primarily social objectives whose surpluses are principally reinvested for that purpose in the business or in the community, rather than being driven by the need to maximise profit for shareholders and owners”

Social Enterprise: a strategy for Success DTI 2001

Jointly organised by

the Co-operative Group and



housing

at the heart of sustainable communities

Traditional solutions are failing to solve the escalating housing problems in many regions of the UK (including South West England). This unique conference will showcase national and international affordable social enterprise answers. It aims to springboard the development of innovative, alternative solutions to housing and wider community issues drawing on the experience of both major UK and European experts in this field.



housing at the heart of sustainable communities

Somerset County Cricket Club, Taunton
24 February 2005



The programme

1000	Registration
1030	Welcome: Somerset County Council
1045	Keynote speaker: David Drew (MP)
1105	Keynote speaker: Keith Hill (MP) (invited)
1125	Workshops
1240	Lunch
1345	Workshops
1500	Summary
1515	Close

The workshops

1 Obtaining finance
Keith Reeve (Nationwide Building Society) and Paul Mallett (The Co-operative Bank)
How to get the best deal from your funders, by identifying accessible solutions to securing long-term funding, as well as considering traditional day to day banking requirements and short term working capital funding.

2 Common ground for mutual home ownership
David Rodgers (CDS Co-operatives)
Mutual home ownership is a new innovative form of tenure that has been developed following a research study by the New Economics Foundation. Mutual home ownership is designed to enable key workers and others on low to moderate incomes to have an equity stake in their home. It is designed to remain permanently affordable.

3 Grass roots to green shoots - High Bickington
David Brown (High Bickington Community Property Trust) and Bob Paterson (Wessex Reinvestment Trust/Community Finance Solutions, Uni. of Salford)
The innovative regeneration project in High Bickington has attracted widespread attention (featured on Radio 4's *Changing Places*). Its key features are: a community-led approach to identifying and meeting needs; solutions that deal with the whole community in an integrated way; a Community Property Trust set up to deliver affordable homes, workspace and community facilities. Bob Paterson will highlight affordable mutual housing solutions and their applicability to rural areas.

4 Co-operative housing in practice - the Scandinavian experience
Gun-Britt Mårtensson
While most social enterprise housing in the UK has been small scale, other countries have developed large and mainstream housing solutions using a social enterprise format. Scandinavian countries have many examples of large scale co-operative housing projects for all sections of the community.

5 Empowering communities - the Community Gateway Model
Nic Bliss (Confederation of Co-operative Housing)
The Community Gateway Model stems from the desire to develop a wider choice for tenants than the range of options currently offered to them. It offers the promise of individuals determining their own future with safeguards ensuring that government requirements are met. The more power tenants and communities have to run their own neighbourhoods, the better they are run.

6 Opportunities in development of care services by housing providers
Mick Taylor (Provide Project, Co-operatives UK)
Mick Taylor will consider future trends in building based care for older people and the opportunities and challenges for co-operative and social enterprise provision.

7 Affordable rural housing - there is another way
Jon Aldenton (The Environment Trust) and Charles Couzens (Somerset Trust for Sustainable Development)
Affordability is not just a rent level issue - The Environment Trust develops Green Homes for low cost ownership using private finance. Jon Aldenton will outline how their programme can provide affordable housing and help empower local organisations in the process. Charles Couzens will discuss the work of his organisation, around supporting rural self-build.

8 Innovative solutions to student housing
Charlie Baker (URBED)
Housing for students often leaves them vulnerable to many types of exploitation. Student housing co-ops can allow them to take control of their housing - well-established in the US and a pilot project is now being developed by the NUS and Manchester Student Unions.

9 Co-operative housing and property investment
Blaise Lambert (Confederation of Co-operative Housing)
The history of housing co-op development has been one of reliance upon public subsidy and developing social housing. The emergence of Property Investment Trusts through the Barker Review of Housing Supply and recent treasury consultations may give the opportunity for future development to be funded from institutional and individual investment and from within the co-operative movement.

10 Maintaining the rural fabric: home improvement loans
Andrew Shadrake (Wessex Reinvestment Trust)
Wessex Reinvestment Trust has developed an innovative and ground-breaking Home Improvement loan scheme which provides, in partnership with 10 local authorities in South West England, a subsidised interest rate finance package to support vulnerable homeowners living in non-decent accommodation.

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Date _____

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Early Bird £90
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Workshops

Spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please indicate your preference using the reference numbers next to the workshop title:

Workshop 1 - morning

1st choice 2nd choice 3rd choice

Workshop 2 - afternoon

1st choice 2nd choice 3rd choice

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Wheelchair user Mobility Signer Other _____

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Vegetarian Vegan Halal

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