

## **Social Enterprise**

A social enterprise is a business that tries to tackle social problems, improve communities, people's life chances, or the environment. This might sound like charity work, but social enterprises are businesses. They make and do things that earn money and make profits like any business.

It is how they work and what they do with the profit that is different. Social enterprises reinvesting the profits they make to do more good. They do this in lots of different ways: creating jobs for people who would otherwise be left out; reinvesting profits in community projects; protecting the environment, providing vital services for people who might not get them otherwise. It's this combination of doing business and doing good that makes social enterprise different.

Social enterprises come in all sizes, from small community cafés to really big organisations. They're usually started by a person or group with a particular passion and sense of purpose. They can emerge as businesses from groups that didn't start out to create a business at all.

## **Micro-enterprise**

A micro-enterprise is a small business. This is a way of creating a job that makes good use of your skills and abilities.

A micro-enterprise is about making money. The aim is to think of something that people want to buy or pay money to do.

Anyone can have a micro-enterprise, including people with profound and multiple learning disabilities. Micro-enterprises can be anything from running your own gardening business to owning a vending machine

## **Registered Charity**

A charity in Scotland is an organisation which is entered on the Scottish Charity Register. An organisation can only become a charity if it can show it has only charitable purposes and benefits the public.

The Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) decides whether to grant an organisation charitable status and to enter it on the Register. They then monitor the charity to check it complies with the law. All charities must submit an annual return and accounts to OSCR every year. Being a regulated organisation can assure you of public goodwill and trust. Some funders may only consider charities.

### **Integrated with current Moray Council Day/Independent Living Centres**

This model is aspiration and futuristic but very achievable. Our day services are evolving. With people living longer and more people accessing services – we need to review our day services/the buildings and how /who uses them.

At the moment we have building specific services which do not utilise that building to its full potential i.e. we have buildings being used from 10am till 3.30 then closed – often with rooms / resources / facilities not being used to full capacity.

We have people accessing service as there is nothing else for them to do – we don't want to be disabling people from their community and have them accessing our paid service when there are other more natural community resources which could achieve the same goal.

Currently, staff at The Keith Resource Centre would be interested in piloting the development of this model of independent living centre.