

Do you have any other requirements e.g. information about overnight accommodation, dietary needs, assistance with travel costs, mobility issues? Please let us know.

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If you would like to attend but find it impossible due to lack of childcare, travel costs or other barriers, please contact us as soon as possible so we can try to find a solution.

Booking forms must be returned by 21 December 2007 to:

Community Food and Health (Scotland)
c/o Scottish Consumer Council,
Royal Exchange House
100 Queen Street,
Glasgow G1 3DN
Tel: 0141 226 5261
Fax: 0141 221 0731
Email: cfh@scotconsumer.org.uk

Confirmation of your place, directions to the venue, and a programme will be sent in you due course.

Please get in touch if you would prefer an e-mailable version of the form.

These events are being supported by the Scottish Government and NHS Health Scotland



Getting Down to Business

Two one-day events for community food initiatives interested in finding out more about social enterprise organised by Community Food and Health (Scotland)

Thursday 7 February 2008

McDonald Rooms Conference Centre
Hanover (Scotland) Housing Association
EDINBURGH
10 am to 3.30 pm



Thursday 28 February 2008

Fairways House
Fairways Business Park
INVERNESS
10 am to 3.30 pm

Getting Down to Business will give participants an opportunity to find out more about social enterprise from the experts – community food initiatives running successfully as social enterprises and key agencies that provide support to aspiring and established social enterprises.



What are social enterprises?

Social enterprises are organisations that are run as businesses and have been set up for a community, social or environmental purpose. They generate income from some or all of the activities they run, by selling goods or services, and reinvest the profits that they make back into the organisation. They aim to become financially self-sustaining and less dependent on grants.

Social enterprises come in all shapes and sizes, from very small, community-based organisations to very large businesses with thousands of employees. What they all have in common, however, is that they are value-led and market-driven. An increasing number of organisations – including community food initiatives – are choosing to become social enterprises.

Who should attend?

The events are aimed at community food initiatives and organisations running community food activities who are interested in becoming social enterprises or finding out more about the social enterprise business model. However, other organisations who are involved in supporting community food activity are welcome to attend.

What will the events provide?

An opportunity to:

- meet the Scottish Government Social Enterprise team and find out about policy relating to social enterprise
- hear about the experiences of community food initiatives that are running successfully as social enterprises
- share and discuss your experiences, hopes and concerns about social enterprise with others
- book a one-to-one session with an advisor from a social enterprise support agency to identify your organisation's strengths and weaknesses and key actions to take forward
- meet organisations and agencies that can assist you

Our publication [Minding Their Own Business](#)

www.communityfoodandhealth.org.uk/fileuploads/scdp-mindtheirbusiness.pdf has further information about social enterprise and community food initiatives, as does Sustain's [Sauce toolkit](#) www.sustainweb.org/page.php?id=239.

Booking Form



Name

Organisation

Address

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Daytime contact number

Email address



Which event would you like to attend? (please tick)

Edinburgh (7 February)

Inverness (28 February)

Would you like to book a one-to-one session with a social enterprise adviser? Yes/No

Please note: in order that your organisation obtains the most benefit from the sessions, you will be asked to complete and return a questionnaire before the event.

We want to ensure that you find the event as useful as possible.
What would you really like to find out at the event?

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