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Enterprising Solutions Awards 07

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The Social Enterprise Coalition has announced the names of the fifteen social enterprises shortlisted for the 2007 Enterprising Solutions Awards.

Chief executive of the Social Enterprise Coalition Jonathan Bland said: "This year's shortlist showcases the incredible range of the vital work being carried out by social enterprises across the entire UK. From chocolate companies and graphic designers to care providers and community recyclers, all the social enterprises on this list are outstanding examples of what this exciting business model can achieve.

"By helping disadvantaged people get back into work, offering excluded young people a second chance, regenerating deprived areas, focusing on the environment and much more, these companies are using business principles to deal with the key issues facing Britain today."

www.enterprisingsolutions.org

* Divine Chocolate Ltd

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Children in Ghana celebrate the income brought in by the co-op's chocolate

Date established 1997 September

Location London

Type of Social Enterprise Farmer-owned Fairtrade company

Divine is a hugely successful chocolate company co-owned by a Ghanaian cocoa farmer's cooperative. The Kuapa Kokoo co-op not only receives a fair price for its cocoa but also a significant share of the profits. The Divine bar, (which also has a junior spin-off - Dubble) is now sold in Tesco, Waitrose, Sainsburys, Asda, the Co-op and Wholefoods. The company also supplies all own-label chocolate for Starbucks, has just launched an American affiliate and expects UK sales for 2007

to hit £10.5m.

www.divinechocolate.com

* McSence Group

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McSence call centre employee
Cheryl Duncan

Date established 1998 March

Location Midlothian, Scotland

Type of Social Enterprise Community enterprise

McSence uses business to relieve poverty in parts of Midlothian affected by pit closures. The collective both revitalises the local community and creates jobs by setting up a range of community-owned businesses which reinvest their profits. Social enterprises run by the company now include call centres, consultancy, property development, energy conservation and recycling, among other things.

www.mcsence.co.uk

* **Camden Garden Centre**

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Camden Garden Centre

Date established 1983 July

Location London

Type of Social Enterprise Social firm

The Camden Garden Centre is an award-winning business that sells high quality garden products as well as providing training and employment to disadvantaged people. Almost 200 unemployed people, many of whom were homeless, ex-offenders or recovering drug addicts, have completed the CGC programme and gone on to successful careers in a

wide range of jobs.

www.camdengardencentre.co.uk

* **Sandwell Community Caring Trust**

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SCCT service users

Date established 1997 April

Location West Bromwich, West Midlands

Type of Social Enterprise Social enterprise health & care provider

The Sandwell Community Caring Trust (SCCT) provides high-quality social care to elderly people in the West Midlands while offering carers an award-winning work environment. Despite taking over a service from the council which had an extremely low level of staff morale, evidenced in high levels

of turnover and absenteeism, SCCT managed to turn it around to come top in a 2006 Sunday Times list of the UK's happiest employees.

www.sandwellcct.org.uk

* **Goodwin Development Trust**

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The Octagon conference facility

Date established 1994 March

Location Hull, Yorkshire and Humber

Type of Social Enterprise Development trust

Goodwin is trying to make lives better across the board in Hull's deprived Thornton Estate/Riverside Area by providing resident-led services. The trust operates a community café, runs neighbourhood watch schemes, a children's centre, a health centre, community transport services, conference facilities and much more. In 1997 Goodwin employed one person and turned over £17,000. Today it employs over 340 staff with a turnover in excess of £9m.

www.goodwintrust.org

* Unique Social Enterprise CIC

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Young people relaxing at Unique Coffee Bar

Date established 2000 January

Location Newark, East Midlands

Type of Social Enterprise Charity trading arm

Unique runs a number of different environmental and educational businesses to support an award winning youth drop-in centre in Newark. Unique Coffee Bar receives around 14,000 visits per year from teens, many of whom have been excluded from school, and the centre is credited with helping to reduce anti-social behaviour and improving community relations.

www.uniquesocialenterprise.com

* NMC Design and Print

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Graphic designer Veronica Parker with NMC banners

Date established 1990 March

Location Winsford, North West

Type of Social Enterprise Social Firm

NMC Design+Print, part of the Neuromuscular Centre, is an extremely successful design company based in the North West. The company, which is staffed by graphic designers who all have muscular dystrophy, produces professional print solutions for a range of high-profile companies. NMC also offers training and work experience and is launching a Home Working Initiative in response to the demands of people with muscle disease from outside the region.

www.nmcentre.com

* Coin Street Community Builders (CSCB)

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The Oxo Tower

Date established 1984 January

Location London

Type of Social Enterprise Development trust

Coin Street Community Builders was set up by local residents to regenerate 13 acres of land between Waterloo Bridge and Blackfriars Bridge. Not only did they prevent massive office developments but they created gardens, built Gabriel's Wharf, refurbished Oxo Tower Wharf, extended the South Bank riverside walkway and erected 220 affordable homes and a neighbourhood centre. They are currently planning a swimming pool, sports centre, further homes and more.

www.coinstreet.org

* Focus to Work CIC

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Impressions cafe restaurant

Date established 2003 April

Location Margate, South East

Type of Social Enterprise Social firm

Focus to Work offers disadvantaged people employment in a range of different social enterprises, to help them gain a foothold in the labour market. By offering training and work experience in supportive but commercial environments, including a construction company and a cafe restaurant, the organisation helps get people off benefits and into work.

www.focustowork.co.uk

* Haven Products Ltd

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The Haven team

Date established 1946 December

Location Glasgow, Scotland

Type of Social Enterprise Social Firm

Haven Products provides employment opportunities for disabled people in a range of areas, from packaging to component assembly to print finishing. Haven offers services to companies looking to outsource their production processes and has an impressive client list ranging from international blue chip firms to local companies.

www.momentumscotland.org

* Newport Wastesavers

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Young recyclers in Newport

Date established 1986 March

Location Newport, Wales

Type of Social Enterprise Charity trading arm, environmental social enterprise & social firm

Wastesavers runs a number of 'joined-up' environmental schemes for the local council and reinvests all its profits in a partner charity. By doing so it provides renovated furniture to those in need, advances environmental education, increases recycling, and hires disadvantaged people. It is one of the largest community projects in Wales, employing some 50 people with a turnover of over £1m.

www.wastesavers.co.uk

* **The Novas Group**

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Abstract by Novas artist Nimo Younis

Date established 1998 March

Location London

Type of Social Enterprise Community art company, social firm & more

The Novas Group is at the cutting edge of tackling social disadvantage by creating inclusive employment in social enterprises, providing flexible support services to vulnerable people and offering quality art programmes, which involve the wider community in understanding complex social issues. Social enterprises run by the group include a designer clothes shop, art centres, a translation service and coffee shops.

www.novas.org

* **Women Like Us**

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Mums get career advice at the school gates

Shortlisted for New Social Enterprise Award

Date established 2004 November

Location London

Type of Social Enterprise Social recruitment agency

Women Like Us is an award-winning social enterprise that supports women with children find work and helps local employers find experienced, part-time staff. It was set up by two working mums who now run a network of women who talk to mothers at school gates and offer them the necessary coaching to get back into work. In less than three years Women Like Us has helped over 3,000 women – with 150 new registrations each month.

* Thorplands United Football Club

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Thorplands girls on the pitch

Shortlisted for New Social Enterprise Award

Date established 2005 May

Location Northampton, East Midlands

Type of Social Enterprise Community Football Club

Thorplands United Football Club is a community owned football club whose ethos is "football for all, regardless of ability, in partnership with the community". In addition to running 15 winning teams and promoting a busy community social life they have created healthy outdoor activities for over 400 people in Thorplands.

www.thorplandsunitedfc.co.uk

* Allendale Crafts Co-operative Ltd

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The Pebbles Cafe

Shortlisted for New Social Enterprise Award

Date established 2006 June

Location Allendale, North East

Type of Social Enterprise Co-operative art centre & rural regeneration scheme

The Allendale Craft Co-operative runs the Pebbles café and art centre, providing a vehicle for local talent and bringing tourism and regeneration to the small rural community. Pebbles supports over a dozen art and creative businesses and many independent artists, provides training opportunities, offers workshops to keep local skills alive, and helps young people develop skills.

www.pebblesartcafe.com

Social Enterprise Coalition Activity

Rocket Science to work on infrastructure support priorities

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The Coalition has appointed the firm Rocket Science to consult with regional social enterprise bodies across England about the infrastructure support needs of social enterprise from 2008.

This research forms the basis of the Coalition's assessment for Capacitybuilders on the priorities, nature and direction of investments in social enterprise support.

The final report will be submitted on September 10, 2007.

[Please contact Kirsten van den Hout for more information](#)

Consultation on co-op and credit union legislation

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The Treasury is currently running a consultation on the proposed changes to co-operative and credit union legislation. The current legislation, the Industrial and Provident Societies Act, was last updated in 1965 and is now considerably out of date.

The Coalition will be supporting the position of Co-operatives UK and if you would like to respond, please send comments to Helen Barber on helen.barber@cooperatives-uk.coop

[To read the consultation document, click here](#)

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Department of Health opens £73m fund

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The Department of Health has opened its Social Enterprise Investment Fund to applications.

The £73m fund is intended to stimulate and encourage a vibrant social enterprise sector in the delivery of health and social care services. It aims to provide start-up funding and longer term investment to emerging and existing social enterprises. The fund was first announced at the Coalition's annual conference, Voice 07, in January of this year.

The closing date for the current round of proposals is 31 October 2007.

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£10m risk capital investment fund

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The Office of the Third Sector (OTS) has announced a £10m social enterprise risk capital investment fund, as previously outlined in the social enterprise action plan. The fund aims to create understanding and evidence around how to fill the social enterprise equity gap.

The OTS is now consulting on how the fund will operate. If you would like to contribute please send your comments to policy officer Kieran Larkin Kieran.larkin@socialenterprise.org.uk

Social enterprise employees are happier

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Employees of social enterprises show more pride in their work than their counterparts in the public, private and voluntary sectors.

According to a survey by Social Enterprise London of over 160 organisations employees of social enterprises are happier on a range of issues.

[Read the full report here](#)

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Social enterprise music event

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KRUSH Concert

September 1, 2007

Auberge, London

A concert is being held for a new social enterprise to benefit Kidney Research UK and the family of Scott Hanelt, a young man who died of a rare form of kidney cancer earlier this year.

Some familiar celebrity faces will be MCing the event and there will be musical appearances from the movement. Up and coming performers appearing at the event include Liam Gerner and Natascha Sohl.

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Free leadership coaching in West Midlands

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KYRA students

Workshop for the emerging leader

September 8

Birmingham

Top chief executives and managing directors in the West Midlands are hosting a free, half-day coaching session to develop leadership potential amongst social entrepreneurs and associated organisations.

The session is being organized by KYRA, a foundation degree programme in leadership and management, designed to develop leaders committed to improving socially and economically deprived communities.

[Apply here](#)

CAN hosts banking workshop

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Banking and Investments Workshop

September 4

CAN Mezzanine, London

A relaxed chance for social enterprises to discuss financial issues, including the current economic outlook, trustee responsibilities, investment and asset class options and interest rates and banking products available.

Call 08454 562 537 to book a place.

Social enterprise and health conference

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Fit for Purpose

September 12

Glasgow

The conference aims to reflect on the growing role for social enterprises in the health and care sector. With an emphasis on the trading opportunities, the event will feature contributions from social enterprises, health professionals and policy makers from ScotlandUK. Examples of social enterprises who have successfully secured contracts with the NHS will provide insight into the process.

[Download booking form](#)

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NESTA climate change prize fund

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The National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts (NESTA) have published an invitation to tender for a delivery partner for their Climate Change Prize Fund. The £1m fund will inspire and reward innovative, high-impact approaches to carbon reduction from community and third sector groups. The deadline is 5pm on September 5. Anyone interested in submitting a proposal should contact Vicky Costello (Vicki.Costello@nesta.org.uk) or Liz Antcliffe (liz.antcliffe@nesta.org.uk).

[Read the tender documents here](#)

Guide to starting a social enterprise in health and care

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'Ten Steps to Starting a Social Enterprise in Health and Care' is a new concise guide by the NHS that looks at the factors that could be considered by individuals or groups who are considering setting up a health or care social enterprise.

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Marketing grants programme launched for West Midlands

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The West Midlands Social Enterprise Network has launched Illuminate Social Enterprise, a marketing grants programme that will provide grants to partnerships, networks and consortia with ideas to promote social enterprise, in order to tap into the significant unrealised potential of the sector in the West Midlands. Approximately 20 – 25 small grant awards will be made, each in the region of £3,000 to £5,000.

Applications are invited from 1 August 2007 until 31 January 2008. For an application pack contact Sandra Crowder on 024 7663 3911 ext 113 or s.crowder@cwda.co.uk.

Acevo launches online governance tool

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The Power Up Your Board tool

Acevo has developed an online tool to assess the performance of charity boards in an attempt to tackle the lack of confidence in third sector governance.

The new Governance Review Service provides confidential online assessments of the performance of trustees and chief executives. It also offers practical advice about how performance can be improved. The service was designed in accordance with the Governance Hub's Code of Governance, published in 2005, which promotes best practice in the sector and encourages boards to take on leadership roles.

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Job of the Week

Social Enterprise Enablers

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Location: East London

Salary: £31,500

Contract: Full time, initially to March 2009

Closing Date: October 9

Barking & Dagenham CVS is a forward-looking voluntary sector organisation in East London with vacancies for two Enterprise Enablers.

More than just advisers or business coaches, the enablers will provide hands-on support to people wanting to set up social enterprises in the borough, making links with other support agencies and private sector businesses in order to make things happen.

Candidates must have experience of starting a business or enterprise and a thorough understanding of what that entails. They must be enthusiastic, approachable and focused.

If you are interested in these posts and would like to discuss them in more detail, please contact Carl Blackburn on 020 8227 5479 or email carl.Blackburn@bdcvs.org.uk For an application pack please contact Sarb Gill on 020 8227 5467 or email sarb.gill@bdcvs.org.uk

www.bdcvs.org.uk

Website of the Week

www.climatechallenge.gov.uk


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Understand climate change

To communicate about climate change successfully, it's important that you understand the nature of the climate change challenge. This website will help you improve your knowledge of the science and solutions, the facts, myths and history of climate change – and what it means for the UK.

www.climatechallenge.gov.uk/understand.html

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