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Kate Annison

Head of Development: Economic Inclusion and Social Economy South East England Development Agency

Kate Annison is the Head of Development: Economic Inclusion and Social Economy for the South East England Development Agency and holds the National RDA lead role brief for Social Enterprise, Enterprise in Deprived areas and Financial Inclusion. She is Project Director for Cultural Shift South East, an action research partnership, working with the Skoll Centre for Social Entrepreneurship looking at organisational change in the social economy. Kate leads agency policy in The Social Economy, Equality & Diversity, Health and Economic Exclusion. She is the author of the South East Regional Social Enterprise Strategy “Social Enterprise: It’s Business but not as we know it.”

Kate has a wide range of experience in economic development and social inclusion, having worked in all three sectors. She has been a social enterprise founder and director, an independent consultant and an SRB programme manager. Her consultancy work has seen her advise on a range of high profile re-development projects including the Aylesbury Estate in Southwark, the Wembley and Olympic bid sites as well as national policy programmes including the Children’s Fund, SRB and Neighbourhood Renewal fund.

Kate has held non-executive directorship with The Guinness Trust, The Leatherhead Theatre, Home Start Hounslow and Feltham Domestic Violence Support Service. Kate also runs a voluntary consultancy service supporting faith sector engagement in social enterprise and regeneration. She has both a BSc and MSc from The London School of Economics where she became an Economic and Social Research Council scholar.





Doctor Gianni Salvadori
Councillor for Social Policies in Tuscany

Gianni Salvadori is the Councillor for Social Policies in the Italian region of Tuscany. In this role, he coordinates the initiatives and proposals for strengthening and improving the region's social welfare. He furthermore coordinates actions concerning children, young people and families.

Gianni also leads on numerous programmes and social initiatives for policies concerning older people, social disadvantage and new poverties, people with disabilities and helping them achieve independent living, housing emergencies and evictions, immigrants and gypsies, as well as problems relating to prison and addictions. His role also includes work on regional community service.

Gianni also coordinates relations with the Third Sector, encouraging social cooperation between organisations. He also coordinates the 'Birth Rate Project' in Tuscany.





Hilary Norman
Deputy Director, Social Enterprise and Finance

Office of the Third Sector

Hilary joined the Department for Trade and Industry's (DTI) Small Business Service to lead the Social Enterprise Unit in September 2004, transferring with the Unit to the new Office of the Third Sector in the Cabinet Office in June 2006.

Currently, as Deputy Director for social enterprise and finance, she has responsibility for ensuring the implementation of the Government's action plan for social enterprise, as well as policy on access to finance for the third sector.

Hilary's background is in Small and Medium Enterprise policy, gained at the Bank of England and Her Majesty's Treasury. Before joining the DTI, Hilary worked at HM Treasury on the Graham Review of the Small Firms Loan Guarantee. Prior to this, at the Bank of England, she specialised in issues relating to small firms' finance, in particular those affecting disadvantaged communities. In 2003 she led the Bank of England's review of finance for social enterprise, which culminated in an independent report to the DTI.





Professor Jerzy Hausner
Former Deputy Prime Minister of Poland

Jerzy Hausner is a Professor of Economics. He is a Graduate of the Krakow University of Economics, where he has held a Research and Teaching position since 1972.

In 1994 he received the title of Professor Ordinarius. Jerzy also holds the Chair of Public Economy and Administration.

From 1994 to 1996 Jerzy served as Director General of the Prime Minister's Office. In that capacity, he managed a group of advisors to the Deputy Prime Minister responsible for the economy. In February 1997 he was appointed Undersecretary of State at the Prime Minister's Chancellery and Government's Commissioner for Social Security Reform.

From 2001 to 2005, he was Minister for Labour and Social Policy, and then Minister of Economy, Labour and Social Policy and Minister of Economy and Labour.

In the years 2003 to 2005 Jerzy served as the Deputy Prime Minister. He was a Member of the 4th Sejm (Parliament) of the Republic of Poland.

In his research, Jerzy is interested in the interaction of economy and politics (political economy, public economy and public administration). He has authored 250 publications, including 51 books and monographs, 58 journal articles, and 46 chapters in books.



Andrea Westall
Independent Policy and Strategy Analyst, Researcher and Writer

Andrea Westall is an independent Policy and Strategy Analyst, Researcher and Writer. Her interests include enterprise; public service reform; political economy; social enterprise and social entrepreneurship; the third sector, business policy; regeneration, forms of democracy and government, and the changing relationship between society and the individual. Andrea creates multi-disciplinary teams to tackle issues; or works as an independent consultant.

Andrea used to be Deputy Director (and Acting Director) of the New Economics Foundation; Director of a Policy Unit in the Foundation for Entrepreneurial Management at the London Business School; and a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute for Public Policy Research.

Andrea has also advised Government, worked in television marketing, journalism, as a commissioning editor in publishing, and for a UK charity. She has been widely published and holds a BA (Cantab); MSc (Economics); and is a fellow of the Royal Society for Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (FRSA).





Flaviano Zandonai
Senior Researcher

Institute for Non-Profit Studies of the University of Trento

Flaviano Zandonai is a researcher who specializes in social cooperatives and social enterprises. He is of Italian nationality, and holds a degree in Sociology.

His principal fields of competence are analysis and research of local initiatives fighting social exclusion, notable concerning social enterprises, the analysis of local network partnerships, (with particular reference to the network between social enterprises/organisations of the Third Sector and local public and private actors), and the promotion of local development initiatives, with particular reference to the planning of social policies and interventions.

Flaviano has directed the Study Centre of CGM (the main Italian consortium of social cooperatives), and is now a Senior Researcher at the Institute for Non Profit Studies of the University of Trento (ISSAN)

Flaviano has published many articles and books on social cooperatives, social enterprises, local development and social policies.





Anna Królikowska
Coordinator of the Equal Project

Bank for Social and Economic Initiatives (BISE)

Anna Królikowska is a lawyer who graduated from Warsaw University. She specialises in the social economy. Anna has been working at the Bank for Social and Economic Initiatives for the past six years, where she has mainly been responsible for managing projects concerning the social economy and the implementation of strategy.

Anna is currently the Coordinator of the Equal Project at BISE, which is 'Searching for the Polish Model of Social Economy'. BISE's task in the project is to investigate the abilities and most suitable tools for financing the third sector.

Anna was also a member of the committee which organized the Second Conference on Social Economy in Krakow.

Personally, she is interested in the history of art, and is also a qualified Warsaw Tour Guide.



Ieva Gavene and Melinda Toth

The guitar-violin duo was created in 2007. Since then they have discovered together an interesting programme from the early baroque period until today's music.

Ieva Gavene started her musical education at the National M. K. Ciurlionis school of Arts in Vilnius, Lithuania. After six years studies at the Lithuanian Music and Theatre Academy (LMTA) she obtained two Master's degrees: performer and violin teacher.

She has won prizes in several national and international competitions. Ieva's knowledge and skills were further improved at the Royale Conservatory of Brussels (KCB) with professors K. Sebestyen and her assistant S. Kowalski. In June 2007 she has graduated from the conservatory with high marks.

She has achieved her performing experience in symphonic and chamber orchestras, placed in Lithuania, Belgium, Germany, Denmark. She is a member of Brussels Philharmonic Orchestra and "Sebastian Strings" (Brussels). Chamber music takes an important part of her concert activity as well. She has got a solid concert experience with chamber music ensembles in Vilnius and in Brussels.

Melinda Toth, a young Hungarian guitarist was born in 1981 and started to play the guitar at the age of five. She gave her debut concert in 1994. Since then, she has performed in numerous concerts, competitions and events.

In 1995, Melinda was awarded first prize in a guitar and violin festival in Sasd, Hungary. In both 1990 and 1998 she played in the final at Hungarian National competitions in Budapest.

In 2006 she was a prize winner in Bratislava at the Mertz International Guitar Competition.

Melinda gives concerts regularly in Brussels, Pecs, Budapest and other. She has also attended master classes with Pavel Steidl, Marcin Dylla, Eduardo Fernandez, Oscar Giglia and Josef Zapka.

From 2000 she was the student of Jozsef Eotvos in the Music Academy in Budapest where she got her Bachelor and Teacher's degree in 2005.

In 2004 she gained the Socrates/Erasmus scholarship to the Royal Conservatory of Brussels where she was the student of Antigoni Goni for 6 months. Currently she studies in the Royal Conservatory for her Master degree in Brussels.



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