

Half day conference on morning of Thursday 3rd March 2016,

“UNLOCKING THE POTENTIAL OF SOCIAL ENTERPRISE”

Venue, Arc Healthy Living Centre, 116-122 Sallyswood, Irvinestown, Fermanagh, BT941HQ

Compere, Frank McGrogan, Social Economy Development Officer, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council

PROGRAMME

9.00 *Tea/Coffee on arrival*

9:30 **Welcome**

Chair of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, Councillor Thomas O'Reilly

9:45 **Guest Speakers**

The Scale and Scope of the Social Economy

Ken Nelson, Chief Executive Officer, LEDCOM

The Benefit of Collaboration for Third Sector Enterprises

Annette Greer, Chief Executive Officer, Viable Corporate Services

10.50 *Comfort Break*

11:00 **Case Studies**

Social Enterprise Hubs – The Experience to Date

Mary MacRory – Omagh Enterprise Company

Knockninny Credit Union Limited

Brian McManus – Volunteer Director

Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal Areas – Fostering Social Enterprise

Community Representatives

Social Housing Enterprise Strategy 2015-2018

Ward Erwin – Social Investments Manager, Northern Ireland Housing Executive

12.15 **Keynote Speaker**

Unlocking the Potential of Social Enterprise

Jenny Irvine – Chief Executive Officer, Arc Healthy Living Centre

12.45 **Closing Remarks followed by Buffet Lunch / Networking Opportunity**

Please note – there will be opportunity for Questions and Answers throughout the morning

ENTERPRISE WEEK - MARCH 2016

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Fermanagh & Omagh
District Council
Comhairle Ceantair
Fhear Manach agus na hÓmaí

The Event

This event is being organised by the Tourism and Economic Development section of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, the new local authority that came into being in April 2015. The Council and its predecessors have been working closely with a number of bodies with responsibility for encouraging and supporting social enterprise in both urban and rural environments over a number of years. The conference is the first event to bring social enterprises from across the new district together and is effectively a ‘key messaging call’ from Council that social enterprise is an important part of the economic mix of the region and that much opportunity for growth in the sector exists.

The Venue

Arc Healthy Living Centre is an award winning social enterprise based in [Irvinestown](#) that aims to address health inequalities and improve the well-being of local people by bringing together a partnership of community health activities and services.

Guest Presenters

The organisers have brought together several guest presenters with a wealth of knowledge in the social economy. In addition there will be a number of case studies focusing on local initiatives and funding opportunities and there will be an opportunity to participate in question and answers with the invited speakers during the morning. Likewise, there will be an opportunity to network during lunch.

Registration

The event is free to attend but requires pre-registration in order to facilitate numbers and catering. The closing date for **registration is noon on Friday 26th February 2016**. Please confirm attendance with Sharon McGillion via email sharon.mcgillion@fermanaghmagh.com or via telephone on 0300 3031777 quoting extension 20328

Please note the ARC Centre conference suite is an intimate setting accommodating some 60 delegates, hence spaces are likely to be limited and allocated on a first come served basis. Please register early to confirm your place and where possible if a group or organisation, consider if only one delegate attends to represent your interest.

Parking

Please note the main parking for the event is via Castle Street in Irvinestown (The Bawnacre Leisure on Castle Street is signposted from Main Street opposite Mahons Hotel. The entrance to Arc is situated opposite the entrance to the [Bawnacre Centre](#) and any overflow parking required is available at Bawnacre.

We look forward to welcoming you

For further details on this event please contact

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Guest Speakers

Jenny Irvine – Chief Executive Officer, Arc Healthy Living Centre

Jenny qualified as a Registered General Nurse and subsequently completed an MSc in Executive Leadership with distinction through the University of Ulster. She has experience of working within the health care environment at operational, managerial and governance level since 1998 particularly within the community development health sector. In 2000 she was appointed as Project Manager for the development of “the ARC” Northern Ireland's first Healthy Living Centre. Arc has since grown significantly and now employs over 70 staff with annual turnover exceeding £1.3m and the organisation is currently developing a community owned integrated health and care facility. Jenny is a currently vice chair of the Western Local Commissioning Group and a member of the Regional Professional Panel. She is a Director of CO3 and Vice Chairperson of the Healthy Living Centre Alliance.

Ken Nelson, Chief Executive Officer, LEDCOM

Ken has extensive involvement in local enterprise and the social economy as CEO of Larne Enterprise Development Company Ltd. (LEDCOM) and is a currently sits on the Board of Invest NI. In 2010 he was the sole Northern Ireland recipient of the Queen's Award for Enterprise Promotion. Ken was one of the founding directors of Enterprise Northern Ireland and was its Chairman from 2006 to 2011. He is currently Chairman of the Business in the Community North Eastern Business Leadership Network. He is a voluntary member of the board of directors of two social enterprises; Larne Community Enterprises Ltd and Heritage Experience Ltd.

Annette Greer, Chief Executive Officer, Viable Corporate Services

Annette joined Viable Corporate Services as CEO in early 2015 having had extensive senior executive experience in the third sector in local, national and international organisations specifically in economic and community development. She uses the skills and knowledge gained to help clients develop strategies, develop long term collaborative partnerships, seek funding routes, plan effectively and create efficiencies that will ensure the long term viability of their organisations.

Case Studies

Mary MacRory, Omagh Enterprise Company

Mary has been employed with Omagh Enterprise Company for over twenty years working on a range of initiatives including several that provide support to social enterprises. She is currently manager of the Social Enterprise Hub programme for the Western Social Investment Fund Zone, which is funded by OFMDFM and managed by DSD and DETI through Invest NI. These hubs offer a wide variety of tailored support to social enterprises and entrepreneurs, which is delivered from dedicated hubs located in Enniskillen and Strabane.

Ward Erwin, Northern Ireland Housing Executive

Ward has been in social housing for more than 30 years including as the District Housing Manager in Dungannon. Having worked in various policy roles including the Housing Executive's first Community Development Manager, he is now leading on the Social Housing Enterprise Strategy which aims to support local social housing communities become more socially and economically vibrant and self-sustaining.

Brian McManus – Knockninny Credit Union

Brian has been a volunteer director with Knockninny Credit Union for over twenty years. The award winning Credit Union is managed entirely by volunteers and provides a range of services for the community in Teemore and Derrylin in South Fermanagh, including access to finance, financial advice, saving and loans and giving a local alternative to high interest lenders.