

WINSENT Mid Term Evaluation

Partas

Brief

BE Group has been commissioned by Partas to undertake a mid-term evaluation of the Wales-Ireland Network for Social Entrepreneurship (WINSENT) programme.

WINSENT is made up of six partners Partas (who are the lead partner); BASE; South Dublin County Council and Fingal County Council in Ireland; and Denbighshire County Council and Isle of Anglesey County Council in North Wales.

The WINSENT programme is part funded through the Ireland-Wales Programme (INTERREG 4A).

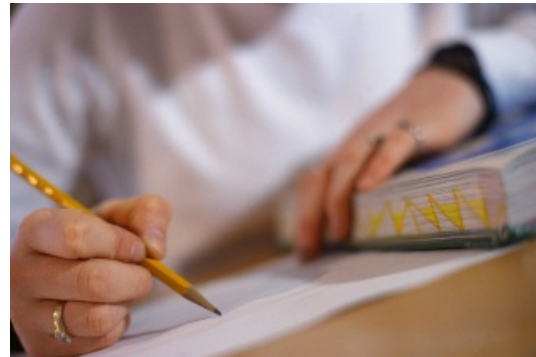
The aim of the programme is to:

- Raise awareness and promote the culture of social entrepreneurship
- Create new social enterprises and entrepreneurs
- Support existing social enterprises and entrepreneurs
- Identify opportunities within the social economy
- Develop a network to facilitate the exchange of knowledge amongst social enterprises and entrepreneurs.



Activities

- Review of the original programme funding bid and background documents
- Survey of staff to assess perceived progress during the first 18 months of the programme
- Consultation with programme manager and partners
- Assessment of the programme's progress against the original outputs and outcomes targeted in the funding bid.



Outcome

BE Group established WINSENT is delivering on its core aims despite a number of issues, challenges and flaws being experienced in the first 18 months of activity. BE Group identified those that remain as constant or recurring aspects to be resolved. These centre on structure and governance. A series of recommendations were made regarding improvement in the Partnership's working and partner communications. These seek not to increase bureaucracy but aim at improving the team working ethic.

BE Group has been retained to deliver the end of programme evaluation in mid 2012.

