

social enterprise acumen

February is deadline month! Check out this newsletter to learn about upcoming deadlines for grant funding and awards opportunities.

This month, we will also be hosting three events near our office. Pop along on Wednesday 13 February for a charity coffee morning organised by The Prince's Trust, or visit our monthly social enterprise network the week after. Finally, on 19 February, we will be hosting a horticulture taster workshop at the Old Rectory Park which will be free to attend.

Check Your Diary!

Don't miss out on Social Enterprise Acumen events.



North East Social Enterprise Network

Wednesday 20 February, 16.00 - 18.00.

The Old Rectory, Houghton-le-Spring DH4 4BB

Our free monthly networking event giving you the opportunity to connect with social enterprises and entrepreneurs and meet new contacts. Refreshments will be provided. Free parking available outside the venue.

[More Information](#)

Prince's Trust Coffee Morning



Prince's Trust

Wednesday 13 February 2019, 10.30-14.00

Old Rectory, Houghton-le-Spring.

Learn about the community projects and team challenges by the Prince's Trust Houghton Le Spring team. Cakes on sale and raffle included.

Bloomin' Good Health

Tuesday 19 February 2019, 10.00 - 12.00

The Old Rectory Park, Houghton-le-Spring.

Discover nature trails, gardening and horticulture at our first taster workshop taking place outside our offices next week. Free to attend and aimed at improving exercise and well-being. Everyone welcome. RSVP to register.

[RSVP](#)

More Events For You!

Drop in on other events near you.

Creating a dementia friendly city

Tuesday 12 February 2019, 16.30

Great North Museum, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Public Policy Cabinet meeting aimed at discussing and reviewing how businesses, communities and services can collaboratively create a place where people living with dementia and their carers can live well and become involved.

[More information](#)

NatWest SE100 Awards Applications

Thursday 14 February 2019, 19.00

The search is on for the UK's top 100 social enterprises, as entries have opened for the NatWest SE100 Index and Social Business Awards 2019.

Alongside the Top 100 awards category itself, social enterprises can apply for the following: categories: growth, impact, newcomer (<3 years trading), resilience, leadership and storyteller.

Applications are open to all UK-based social enterprises, and it costs nothing to enter. For more information and to apply, [visit the NatWest SE100 website.](#)

[Apply now](#)

FSB Awards 2019

Friday 15 February 2019

The FSB Celebrating Small Business Awards recognise the best small businesses and the self-employed from right across the UK, from every sector and industry and from businesses of all ages and all sizes. The awards are free to enter. Categories range from 'Community Business of The Year' to 'Ethical - Green Business of The Year'.

[Apply now](#)

Founder's Friday

Friday 22 February 2019, 09.00 - 16.00

TusPark Newcastle Eagle Labs, Maybrook House, Newcastle

Monthly free event aimed at providing North East startups and businesses with a platform to connect, share stories and host masterclasses. Includes networking, free lunch and a variety of speakers. Attendees can drop in and out of speaking sessions from the co-working space 'TusPark Newcastle Eagle Labs'.

[More information](#)

North East Fundraising Hubs

28 February, 28 March, 15.00 - 17.00

Across Sunderland, Newcastle and Gateshead.

VONNE and KEDA Consulting have launched a new monthly fundraising network across Tyne and Wear. The network is aimed at supporting non-profits with fundraising through peer-to-peer support and the opportunity to talk with fundraising experts. All events will be free to attend.

Upcoming dates:

28 February at MEA House, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 8XS.

28 March at Youth Focus North East, Gateshead, NE8 1HR.

[More information](#)

Working with the VCS Event

Tuesday 12 March, 9.30 - 12.00.

The Linskill Centre, North Shields

Working With the VCS events provide an opportunity for voluntary and community organisations to come together with local authority officers (and others) on a quarterly basis. This month, the focus is on the North of Tyne

devolution and what this means for voluntary, community and social organisations.

[More information](#)

What good impact reporting looks like

Wednesday 13 March 2019, 08.00 - 10.30.

UNW, Citygate, Newcastle.

UNW and Northstar Ventures are pleased to invite you to join us for an interactive morning session aimed at charities and not-for-profit organisations that are keen to develop their understanding and use of impact measurement.

[More information](#)

Measuring Social Impact - Free Masterclass

Friday 15 March 2019, 09.45 - 13.00.

Virgin Money, Newcastle.

Free masterclass about measuring social impact.

[More information](#)

All About the Money

Helping you find help for your Social Enterprise

UnLtd Thrive Accelerator

Application Deadline: 14 February 2019

Thrive is a new social accelerator helping ambitious social ventures to scale, managed by UnLtd.

The accelerator combines six months of intensive support with the opportunity to secure investment of up to £50,000 for your social venture, either through [UnLtd or their partners](#).

[More Information](#)

Health and Wellbeing Fund

Application Deadline: 15 February 2019, 12:00

Applications are invited from existing schemes to trial a new approach to helping children and young people with their mental health. The programme will provide grants of up to £510,000 over three years.

[More Information](#)

The Frederick Milburn Trust

Application Deadline: 20 February 2019

The Frederick Milburn Fund supports projects related to activities on the river, those involving communities situated on the river or projects with a link to the heritage of the river.

Applications are welcome for projects that involve purchase of equipment, building repairs or specific activities that create a tangible long-lasting outcome for the community. Grants available between £750 - £2,000.

[More Information](#)

Free financial skills tools from Social Enterprise UK



In partnership with Santander, SEUK is pleased to be able to offer free self learning materials from the Financial Skills Programme. Learning materials for both internal and external finance are available to download and will be useful for smaller social enterprises (with an annual turnover of under £1million) who are looking to develop and enhance their finance skills.

[Access Materials](#)

In Your Back garden



The Smarterbuys Store is a weekly payment store working in partnership with social landlords across the UK to give their tenants access to cheaper credit for white goods, TVs and furniture, as an alternative to having to turn to pay day loans and other high interest providers.

The charity was set up in 2012 in a partnership between Derwentside Homes, the Prince Bishops Community Bank and the Northern Housing Consortium with the aim of promoting the financial inclusion of social housing tenants.

The scheme currently works with over 15 housing associations and [recently received £500,000 funding](#) from the North East Social Investment Fund. The funding will be used to widen audience reach and target consumers who are not already in social housing.

[Website](#)

Social Enterprises Around The World



Rubble is a real killer. It's the world's largest polluter in volume, it destroys the environment and it's a health hazard for the people who are forced to live among it.

In The Netherlands, social enterprise The Mobile Factory have come up with a sustainable solution to give new function to rubble.

The Mobile Factory is a 2 container upcycling and transforming technology which produces Q-Brixx lego building blocks on locations of debris concentration after a human or natural disasters. Crushed rubble in, lego blocks out. Under their management victims will be able to build highly earthquake resistant building blocks

[Website](#)
