

Calling All Social Enterprises in the Heads of the Valleys region



Business Challenge Workshop

Do You Face These Challenges?

- Identifying new streams of income?
- Developing your business skills?
- Enhancing your products, services or profile?
- Engaging volunteers or staff and local communities?
- Improving partnership and team working?

HOVIP can help

Open to any social enterprise and other businesses
based in the Valleys

(Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Merthyr Tydfil, Rhondda Cynon Taf or Torfaen)

Designed for staff, volunteers, managers and Trustees

Workshop Aims

- Creatively find solutions to agreed challenges you face
- Use techniques that assist problem solving, identifying opportunities and team and partnership working
- Practice techniques that help you generate & action new ideas
- Improve your understanding of creativity and innovation

Here's How YOU Can Benefit

- ✓ Potential solutions to your challenges
- ✓ Practical creativity and innovation techniques you or your colleagues can use immediately to get better results
- ✓ Techniques that will also subtly improve team and partnership working and staff involvement
- ✓ Become more motivated and enhance your business skills
- ✓ Meet and work with people outside your sector

REGISTER your place on the workshops NOW.
Full details overleaf.....

Here's what they say.....

"Excellent. I feel now that I and the other Trustees have confidence to make strides, some quite unknown to us before."

M. Joseph,
Ystalyfera Development Trust

"Excellent ideas and ways of working which can be used in other projects. Improved relationships with other members of the group and broke down barriers."

B. Newton,
Drug Aid Cymru

These are the REAL results others have achieved.....

- Improved team-working, communications and creativity in a cross partnership team;
- Gained skills and techniques to facilitate local partnership workshop which identified two community projects and related action plans;
- Successfully turned a collective £250 investment into £12,000 new business;
- Developed strategic action plans to secure funding – resulting in £160,000 for a Social Care Partnership;
- Obtained the Green Dragon Award after using the techniques with colleagues to deliver an environmental awareness campaign;
- Helped new and established businesses refocus their direction, better engage staff and improve ways of working.



Heads of the Valleys Innovation Programme (HOVIP) aims to increase the capacity for innovation in businesses in the region. HOVIP2 is supported by the Welsh Assembly Government HoV Regeneration initiative and is hosted by Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council. See www.hovip.org.uk



TAKE ACTION! : Register Your Place NOW

INNOVATION WORKSHOPS

Yes, book my place NOW.

Please indicate your preferred date/venue option (tick appropriate box):

Dates and Venues	Thurs 22 Oct 2009	Tues 17 Nov 2009	Wed 10 March 2010
	ViTCC, Tredegar Business Park	Orbit Business Centre, Merthyr Tydfil	Technium Springboard, Cwmbran
Fees	£40 (businesses less than 1 year old or social enterprises) £80 (other businesses) <i>(must be based in Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Merthyr Tydfil, Rhondda Cynon Taf or Torfaen boroughs)</i>		
Times	9:15am to 4:00pm. A buffet lunch will be provided.		

Title	First Name	Surname	Job Title
Name of organisation:			
Address:			
Postcode:			
Tel:			
Mobile:			
E-mail:			
Sector:			
Number of staff / volunteers:			
What do you want to gain from the workshop?			

PAYMENT DETAILS

	I enclose a cheque to the sum of £ (payable to Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council)
	Please send an invoice to the above address using purchase order number:

Diary marker: Fourth HOVIP INNOVATION AWARDS and MARKET PLACE
Thursday 24th June 2010. Venue to be confirmed.

For the full range of HOVIP services see: www.hovip.org.uk

A place on the workshop is reserved when a completed booking form is received and payment made prior to commencement of the workshop.

Please complete and return this form to:

Phil Burkhard, HOVIP Manager, Merthyr Tydfil CBC,
Orbit Business Centre, Rhydyar Business Park, Merthyr Tydfil, CF48 1DL

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