

AT A GLANCE

| Partnership Working

(12th December 2023, in-person Birmingham)

Please see below the one page summary of notes from the December 2023 Social Economy FORUM meeting focused on Partnership Working:

Welcome and introductions	Request for those attending to have names and contact numbers and brief description of what each organisation does, what they can offer and what they want.
Social Enterprise UK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Places • Membership 	About Social Enterprise Places Social Enterprise UK About SEUK Membership Social Enterprise UK
Plymouth Social Enterprise Network	Post-industrial Plymouth was broke. So it took business into its own hands Aditya Chakraborty The Guardian
Plymouth Coffee Shop	The Plymouth coffee shop on a mission to raise awareness of the Rwandan genocide - Business Live (business-live.co.uk)
We heard from Wolverhampton, Dudley and Walsall Clusters who are all at the very early stage of their development.	The context for their work is the West Midlands Combined Authority Framework for Growth of the Social Economy. Plan for Growth (wmca.org.uk)
Wolverhampton Cluster update	Wolverhampton are developing an online platform for SE's, bi-monthly networking, first aid, Boost Fund were all highlighted.
Dudley Cluster update	Focus on alleviating poverty in Dudley Town Centre – St Thomas Quarter, support and advice, guidance, and a broader focus on upcycling and heritage.
Walsall Cluster update	Very early stage in developing their cluster and keen to learn from others on their approaches. Currently visiting the other designated WMCA Places.
Q and A on Partnership working	Lively conversation across all participants. Procurement: The School of Social Entrepreneurs runs three training courses an introduction to tenders, 'contract ready' and 'contract wins'. These are free courses VCSE Contract Readiness Programme The School for Social Entrepreneurs (the-sse.org) . Request to have information exchange between members of the Forum. BSSEC to look into this and the implications for GDPR.

Next West Midlands Social Economy FORUM #4 will focus on CONSORTIUM WORKING as an in-person session on Tuesday 23rd January 2024, 11am to 1pm.

VENUE DETAILS: YMCA Wolverhampton, Tramway Drive, WV21BJ. [REGISTER TO ATTEND HERE](#)