

NIABT Briefing on Linking Business with the Social Enterprise Sector

The Northern Ireland Assembly and Business Trust (NIABT) works to forge links with, and promote the exchange of knowledge and information between local businesses and parliamentarians here and in Westminster and Europe.

Our popular breakfast briefings cover a wide range of business related topics. They are hosted by prominent politicians and members of the business community.

Northern Ireland is widely recognised as a key global player in the social enterprise sector. Many of our 1000+ social enterprises are award winning market leaders, contributing approximately 5% to the regional economy.

Social enterprises operate on a commercial basis and compete in the marketplace like any other business. This briefing will focus on aspects of the Triple Bottom Line - the unique business model that underpins social enterprises.

Our guest speakers will also explore how closer collaboration between social enterprises, the mainstream business community and elected representatives could deliver mutually beneficial results.

Date: Tuesday 8 May 2012

Time: 8:15 am

Venue: Long Gallery, Parliament Buildings,
Ballymiscaw, Stormont.

Agenda

8:15 am	Arrival/registration and networking breakfast
8:35 am	Chairperson's welcome remarks
8:45 am	Introduction: Seamus McAleavey, CEO NICVA
8:50 am	Meeting community needs: Janice Bunting, Shankill Lurgan Community Projects
9:00 am	Trading commercially: Seamus O'Prey, Ortus, the Business Development Agency
9:10 am	Lending to the Community/Voluntary Sector: Jonathan McAlpine, Ulster Community Investment Trust (UCIT)
9:20 am	Q & A
9:45 am	Close

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We look forward to seeing you