

SocialFirms UK

A One-Day Seminar on:

Mental Health

&

Social Enterprise Solutions

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SEMINAR PROGRAMME

- 9 – 9.30am: Registration and coffee
- 9.30 – 9.40am: Welcome from the Chair
Dr. Bob Grove, Sainsbury Centre for Mental Health
- 9.40 – 10.00: The Crisis That We Face
Dr Marcus Roberts, Head of Policy, MIND
- 10.00 – 10.20: Setting Mental Health In Context
Ian Grant, CEO, Mental Health Matters
- 10.20 – 10.40: Outlining Social Enterprise
Jonathan Bland, CEO, Social Enterprise Coalition
- 10.40 – 11am: Building The Capacity Of Social Enterprise
Simon Hebditch, CEO, Capacity Builders
- 11 - 11.30: Coffee & Exhibition
- 11.30 – 1pm: Social enterprises doing the business:
- Forth Sector
 - IMBY
 - MillRace IT
 - Core Arts
- 1pm – 1.45pm: Lunch
- 1.45 – 2pm: Buying From Social Enterprises – another way of having impact.
Sally Reynolds, CEO, Social Firms UK
- 2pm – 2.25pm: A Compelling Case For Cost Savings In The Long Term
Sheila Durie
- 2.25 – 2.45pm: Radical Action Required
Lord Victor Adebawale, CEO, Turning Point
- 2.45 – 3.25pm: Creative Time.
- 3.25 – 3.45pm: Pulling The Strings Together & Next Steps
- 3.50 – 4pm: Conclusions from the Chair

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Background to the event

There is currently significant interest in mental health, and in social enterprise, but so far they have been considered mainly in isolation of each other. Even though the majority of people with mental health problems want to work, only 20% are employed. Fewer than 40% of employers would consider employing someone with a history of mental illness. Once employed, they are more than twice as likely to lose their jobs. And while employment rates for non-disabled people and those with physical impairments have increased substantially over the last 10 years, there's been very little change for people with mental health problems. Several initiatives are underway to work with private sector employers to improve on this situation, but if the Government wishes to move one million people off incapacity benefit and into work then it will need to consider other potential solutions, such as what social enterprises have to offer.

The interest in social enterprise has grown considerably over the last 5 years. There are many social enterprises up and down the country that focus on offering employment opportunities to people with mental health problems. These offer a road to recovery as much as a route to employment for individuals with mental health issues, and it's timely to link the two worlds together with this seminar. Prepare to be inspired!

Objectives of the event

- To appreciate and understand the challenges surrounding mental health, recovery and employment;
- To consider various potential solutions, including social enterprise;
- To learn from social enterprises themselves re. their experiences with recovery and employment for people with mental health problems;
- To consider the evidence produced to date re. health gain and long term cost savings;
- To see the links and overlaps between 'mental health' and 'social enterprise' for purposes of current and future policies.

Target audience

People with an interest in mental health issues, those with responsibility for commissioning mental health services, civil servants with responsibility for forming policies on mental health, social entrepreneurs and social enterprises, civil servants involved in welfare reform, pressure groups for people with mental health problems, equality groups, local strategic partnerships, mental health providers.

We also have a small number of bursaries available for individuals who would otherwise find it difficult to attend. Please call Social Firms UK on 01737 764021 to enquire after a free or subsidised delegate place.

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