

Clackmannanshire Community Learning Exchange, 6th November

Visit 1 - Clackmannanshire: A Community Wealth Building Approach to a Wellbeing Economy (12:30pm – 4:00pm)

Social Enterprise Scotland, in partnership with Clackmannanshire Third Sector Interface (CTSI) and Clackmannanshire Council, will host a Community Learning Exchange on 6th November. It will accommodate up to 15 participants, ensuring a focused and engaging learning experience.

This Community Learning Experience (CLE) will delve into the practical application of community wealth building in Clackmannanshire, one of Scotland's pioneering regions and one of the five pilot areas selected by the Scottish Government.

Clackmannanshire Council recognises that achieving their ambitious, long-term goals requires collaboration. The council, together with the Clackmannanshire Planning Partnership (Clackmannanshire Alliance), is committed to a shared vision as outlined in the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan. This plan seeks to address the inequalities that have arisen in Clackmannanshire due to poverty and socio-economic challenges, with the active participation of all community members, organisations, and institutions.

The visit will commence at [Alloa Hub](#), where participants will hear a presentation from Clackmannanshire Council, offering insights into both local and regional initiatives. This will be followed by visits to local social enterprises, including [Tullibody Civic Centre](#) and [Community Garden](#), where attendees will learn about community assets and ownership. The visit will conclude at [Ceteris](#), where there will be a session on 'Gender Justice in Business,' highlighting efforts to support and empower women in the business sector.

Learning Outcomes

1. **Understand the principles of community wealth building** and how they are practically applied in Clackmannanshire to create a more inclusive, equitable economy.
2. **Explore the role of community assets and ownership** in addressing local socio-economic challenges through visits to social enterprises and community-driven initiatives.
3. **Gain insight into gender justice in business** and the strategies implemented to empower women in the local business sector, promoting equality and diversity.

Participants are responsible for arranging their own travel to the starting venue, but costs for travel and accommodation, if needed, can be reimbursed. Lunch and refreshments will be provided, along with transportation between sites within Clackmannanshire during the visit.

- Give us an approximate breakdown of your travel costs- for trains, bus or ferry.
- If you have to use a car or hire a minibus, you should calculate mileage at 45p per mile.
- We offer up to £100 per person per night to cover your accommodation if you have far to travel.
- You can apply for up to £25 per day for subsistence- this doesn't include alcoholic drinks.

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This CLE will be initially open to applications until Tuesday 1 October. Priority will be given to social enterprises, particularly those where travel costs are a barrier to attending



Visit 2 – Edinburgh Social Enterprise Network – Social Enterprises in Granton, 6th November (12:30pm – 4:00pm)

Edinburgh Social Enterprise Network (ESEN) supports, promotes and develops social enterprise in Edinburgh and serves as a hub creating social and economic growth. Join this visit to find out about ESEN members The Pitt and Move On Works.

[The Pitt](#) re-established itself as a Community Interest Company and is owned and operated by the Granton Project. Now based at West Shore Road on the Granton Promenade and part of the North Edinburgh regeneration project, The Pitt, Granton will again provide space, support and skills development for local individuals, entrepreneurs and businesses to set-up and grow. Occupying a significantly larger area, The Pitt's bold vision is for a new social, cultural and grassroots space where ideas can be trialled, tested and brought to life in a supportive, low-barrier, community environment.

EALA Impacts

EALA Impacts provide [Building Condition](#) (survey/holistic), Architectural (design/[strategic](#)) & Construction (procurement/[long-term](#)) services. EALA is a not-for-profit social enterprise, constituted as a community interest company. They seek to align all they do with the shift needed to make our world sustainable in all ways – socially, environmentally, and financially.

[Move On Works](#) offer a waste wood collection service across Edinburgh and the Lothians, collecting from small businesses and residential properties, right up to large construction sites on behalf of national and multinational building companies. The wood collected is taken to the workshop to be cleaned and sorted to be sold as timber, or upcycled into quality furniture. They use reclaimed timber to build, supply and fit larger scale projects for residential, commercial, and third sector projects.

Learning Outcomes

1. **Learn about the role of social enterprises in community regeneration** by exploring how The Pitt and other initiatives in Granton contribute to local social and economic growth.
2. **Understand sustainable business practices** through insights into EALA Impacts' holistic approach to building design and construction, focusing on social, environmental, and financial sustainability.
3. **Explore innovative waste management and upcycling solutions** through Move On Works' waste wood collection and transformation services, promoting environmental sustainability and skills development.

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Visit 3 - Out of the Blue Drill Hall – Celebrating 30 Years! 6th November (12:30pm – 4:00pm)

Join us as we visit the [Out of the Blue Drill Hall](#) in Edinburgh, celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. Since 2004, this historic venue has served as the beating heart of Out of the Blue, deeply embedded in the cultural fabric of Leith with its rich historical significance.

Originally constructed in 1901 for the Royal Scots Regiment, the Drill Hall was designed by acclaimed architect Sir Rowand Anderson, also responsible for Edinburgh's National Portrait Gallery and McEwan Hall at the University of Edinburgh.

Thanks to careful and sustainable restoration, this former military building has been reimagined as a dynamic arts and cultural centre. It now features artists' studios, rehearsal and performance spaces, exhibition areas, and a popular café, offering a welcoming environment where contemporary arts thrive. Visitors can experience a vibrant mix of creative innovation, enjoy the unique atmosphere, and connect with others through art, conversation, and food.

As part of our tour, we will also visit Out of the Blueprint, a thriving social enterprise. This creative hub blends print production for trade with workshops, training, and artistic projects, supporting exhibitions and publications—a truly inspiring fusion of creativity and commerce.

Learning Outcomes:

1. **Understanding Cultural Preservation and Regeneration:** Learn how historical buildings like the Drill Hall can be sustainably restored and repurposed into thriving contemporary arts and community hubs, maintaining their cultural significance.
2. **Exploring Creative Social Enterprises:** Gain insight into how Out of the Blueprint successfully integrates print production, workshops, and creative training to support both local artists and commercial ventures.
3. **Appreciating Community-Driven Arts Initiatives:** Discover the role of Out of the Blue Drill Hall as a participatory and inclusive space that fosters artistic expression, collaboration, and engagement within the Leith community.

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