



The only way is Social Enterprise

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Procurement and
Commissioning Action
Research

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About the project

- Connect Fund: A Bridge to Social Investment – Action Research project
- Leading Greater Essex – micro enquiries
- Joining together to look at social enterprises and public sector procurement



About the process

- Group of public sector agencies – people interested in procurement
- Discussions facilitated by SEEE/ESEN
- Expert speakers from social enterprises who have experience of commissioning/procurement processes
- Collecting evidence and producing guides
- Influencing the wider policy agenda



About the outputs

- Strategic paper for public authorities
- Case studies of the social enterprise experience
- ‘How to’ guide for public authorities – linked to new government guidance and Social Value Act
- Promotion of opportunities via ESEN website



About the impact

- Feedback to Leading Greater Essex discussions
- Influencing the Essex Pathway and Essex Vision
- Commercial Managers' Network
- Presenting to Essex Strategic Co-ordination Group (May meeting)
- Pilot an approach within a category of spend – Health and Well-being
- Ongoing dialogue with social enterprises