

Seeking a Chair for the Enterprise Grants Taskforce

About the Taskforce

The [Enterprise Grants Taskforce](#) exists to bring together funders and foundations looking to support the development of a new sector of grant-making, designed to enhance impact, not least in marginalised communities, by encouraging the growth of earned income and stimulating entrepreneurial behaviour.

Hosted by the School for Social Entrepreneurs (SSE) and supported by a steering group of Access - The Foundation for Social Investment (Access) and the Association of Charitable Foundations (ACF), the Taskforce is seeking a Chair to lead and represent the agenda in the sector.

[Enterprise grant-making](#) sits between traditional grant-making on the one hand, and social lending on the other, occupying a fast-developing and innovative space, which has considerable potential, and which is attracting interest from a wide variety of funders and policymakers. The definition adopted by the Taskforce is as follows: *“an approach which encourages and supports charities and social enterprises to increase or maintain their income from enterprise activities, including selling services or goods. This is largely through using funding conditions and/or incentives to encourage enterprise behaviour, often accompanied by capacity building.”*

Early adopters in the funding world have shown impressive results, with beneficiaries achieving strong growth in trading income, thereby generating increased resources to pursue their mission and to enhance their sustainability and independence.

Building on these early successes, the Taskforce is currently in its second year of a three-year strategy, with objectives and outcomes set out across the three years, whilst the group continues to meet quarterly and share practical insights and examples of approaches.

Timeframe	Action	Status
Year 1-2	Define Enterprise Grants and the scope & size of the market.	Achieved - please see the Social Spider report for more details.
	Re-engage members of the Match Trading Task Force	Largely achieved - more details can be given on request.
Year 2-3	Identifying best practice & principles for enterprise grant making.	All in process - on track to achieve
	Identify & engage new members to join the Taskforce.	
	Scope plans for scaling.	
Year 3 +	Develop detailed plans for scaling the approach	On track to achieve

Role of Chair

Our current Chair Anna De Pulford, CEO of Dulverton Trust, is stepping down, so we are looking for a visionary leader who will act as the leading voice for the Enterprise Grants agenda.

Applications will be shortlisted by the steering group and the final candidates will be invited to a discussion with a panel including steering group and Taskforce members.

The time commitment required will be around a day a month for the next two years. The duties and commitment will include:

- (i) Leading the Taskforce to enable it to fulfil its purpose. This includes:
 - Chairing 90-minute quarterly meetings for the Taskforce;
 - Planning & preparing for Taskforce meetings, including review of strategic materials, with SSE as secretariat as appropriate.
 - Acting as an ambassador for the Taskforce and enterprise grant-making.
 - Approaching and engaging with new Taskforce members.
- (ii) Chairing regular steering group meetings in-between Taskforce meetings. This also includes:
 - A briefing call to go over the agenda for the next Taskforce meeting and evaluate progress on the Taskforce's overall mandate.
 - A separate CEO briefing call between SSE, Access and the Chair once per quarter.

Person Specification

The steering group are particularly interested in applications from individuals from underrepresented backgrounds.

The key requirements are:

- A respected voice in the grant-making foundation or social impact sector, who has experience of convening around a joint cause or campaign with excellent relationship building abilities
- Knowledge of enterprise grant-making and social enterprise, community business and charities business models
- Experience of operating at a strategic level and leading change
- Ability to champion diversity equity and inclusion
- Capacity to commit to the timeframe required
- A strong network of contacts, which could help to advance the goals of the Taskforce.



Taskforce members include:

- Access - The Foundation for Social Investment
- Caritas Westminster,
- Association of Charitable Foundations
- BBC Children in Need
- City Bridge Foundation
- Co-op Foundation
- Cripplegate Foundation
- Crowdfunder
- DCMS
- Dulverton Trust
- Lloyds Banking Group
- London Funders
- Mercers' Company
- New Local
- The National Lottery Community Fund
- The National Lottery Heritage Fund
- Power to Change
- Rank Foundation
- Natwest Social and Community Capital
- School for Social Entrepreneurs
- Social Enterprise UK
- Social Investment Business
- Voice for Change England
- UnLtd

To Apply

Please submit a covering letter and your C.V. to Alastair Wilson (CEO) School for Social Entrepreneurs (isabelle.mather@sse.org.uk) by Monday 17th June, along with a concise answer to the following questions. If you have any questions, or require reasonable adjustments, please let us know.

1. What attracted you to apply?
2. What do you consider you can bring to the role?
3. What do you consider are the significant opportunities and challenges for enterprise grant-making over the next five years?

PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for applications is Monday 17th June 2024.

The steering group will consider all applications on merit and invite shortlisted candidates for a discussion in July 2024.



Diversity Monitoring

We are particularly interested in applications from those from underrepresented backgrounds.

As part of any recruitment process, SSE collects and processes personal data relating to job and volunteer applicants. We are committed to being transparent about how we collect and use that data and to meeting our data protection obligations.

Our data protection policy can be found here: <https://www.the-sse.org/your-data>

