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FACILITATION SKILLS FOR RURAL SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Pre-programme session | 5th September 2024, 11am CET | Online
5 day in person residential programme | 14th – 18th October 2024 | Galway, Ireland

Join us for a Facilitation Skills programme to explore facilitation and leadership to support learning and development in rural communities.

The programme will provide training, tools and methods for facilitating the support of social enterprise development, based on the needs of rural social enterprises across the five project countries. The distribution of the training programme will partly be online and partly on-site over the course of approx. 1.5 years. The programme is open to group of 10 social enterprise practitioners from Sweden, Finland, Norway, Iceland and Ireland.

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PRE-PROGRAMME SESSION: ONLINE VIA ZOOM

An introduction to the programme, setting hopes and expectations and allowing you to meet your peer group, along with your SEA Facilitator.

Thursday 5th September | 11.00-13.30 CET

All SEA programmes are delivered by practitioners - social entrepreneurs who have been on a similar journey to the learners themselves.

Are you social entrepreneur who wants to support others on their journey to achieve social change? Join this pre-programme session to connect with your fellow social entrepreneurs from across the five participating countries, and ask any questions before you travel to Ireland for the full programme.



Connect, discuss the programme and ask any questions before you join the full programme



Learn about how SEA creates social change through learning and development

IN-PERSON PROGRAMME: 5 DAYS IN GALWAY, IRELAND

This programme is for social entrepreneurs from Ireland, Sweden, Finland, Norway and Iceland who are passionate about connecting and learning from their peers around facilitating support for their communities.

14th – 18th October 2024 | 10.00-16:00 each day (with some evening delivery)

Join this 'in person' facilitator development programme, delivered over five consecutive days. The programme will explore tools and techniques to help you develop your facilitation skill and support learning and development in rural communities in your country, as well as allowing you to practise facilitation in a safe space.

The week includes a Leadership Workshop where you will have the opportunity to investigate your own leadership and plan your actions in the project going forward.

After the 'in-person' programme, you will have the opportunity to apply your learning within your own context. Your group will reconnect quarterly, with Online Connect Sessions exploring opportunities/challenges and developing a sustainable Community of Practice.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Explore SEA's methodology	Building skills for facilitation	Exploring my Leadership	Facilitation practise and peer feedback	Developing my action plan

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ABOUT SEA:

At the Social Enterprise Academy, we believe social entrepreneurs play an essential role in changing the world.

We strengthen their role in local communities through transformational learning programmes that will increase their community impact.

Our programmes are accredited, responsive to learner needs, and are delivered by experienced facilitators who are social change leaders themselves.

Since 2004, we have delivered over 1,900 learning programmes to 28,000+ learners in over 30 countries. We have also engaged over 55,000 young people around the world, using social enterprise as a tool to help them reach their full potential and create positive change in their communities.

YOUR FACILITATOR

Anne Martin is Social Enterprise Academy's rural development specialist, living on the Scottish Island of Skye, and running an outdoor education enterprise connecting the community and visitors to the Island alike.

Anne is a native Scottish Gaelic speaker and professional Singer, and she has toured the world showcasing Scotland's native language and culture through her storytelling and singing.

Anne's facilitation skills have been honed after more than a decade facilitating programmes across the world for SEA, from rural Scottish contexts to remote Islands contexts in Indonesia.



WHO IS IT FOR?

This programme is open to **social entrepreneurs** interested in learning about SEA's methodology around non-directive facilitation practice, and applying learning within their own community.

The programme delivered on behalf of the **MERSE Project**, will focus on local social entrepreneurs based in Ireland, Sweden, Finland, Norway and Iceland, so you must reside in one of these countries to participate.

CRITERIA FOR JOINING THE PROGRAMME

If you are a social entrepreneur residing in one of the above countries, please take the following programme criteria into consideration:

1. You are motivated to support rural communities through facilitation in your local context.
2. You can commit to the in-person and online dates as specified on the previous page.
3. You are committed to continue learning alongside your peers across five counties, - attending Online Connect Session quarterly for 1 year after the programme.
4. You are prepared to work towards and complete our fully funded Facilitation Skills Qualification, accredited by Glasgow Caledonian University (SCQF level 9, 10 credits)

TO FIND OUT MORE OR BOOK YOUR PLACE PLEASE CONTACT:

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