

## Community Investment Awards, Sept 2007

Applicant	Amount	District	Full Note
Building Enterprising Communities			
Melting Pot	£50,800.00	Edinburgh City	To provide the costs for a full time Host for 2 years, who will act as a facilitator to develop a resourced, flexible meeting place for social entrepreneurs at the Melting Pot premises in central Edinburgh. Through active hosting of the Melting Pot's resources (physical and human) they will help individuals and organisations pursue their entrepreneurial ideas, share and develop their expertise, talents and skills. The grant will also assist with professional services to support the project's operation.
Sikh Sanjog	£50,506.00	Edinburgh City	Towards the cost of starting up a community enterprise café and catering company called 'Punjabi Rasoi' to provide healthy authentic Indian food at affordable prices to local people and organisations within Edinburgh. The aim is to open a lunch time café and outside catering company for Sikh festivals, weddings and parties, lunches for local forums, training days and consortium meetings hosted by voluntary and statutory agencies. This project would provide training and employment to Sikh women who have not previously been employed due to lack of self esteem, confidence and appropriate skills.
Edinburgh Community Backgreens Association	£49,514.00	Edinburgh City	Towards the cost of creating a full-time Community Liaison Officer post within the Edinburgh Community Backgreens Initiative. This would greatly improve the organisation's ability to take full advantage of the potential of the community backgreens model (where residents co-operate to regenerate and make shared use of neglected and derelict tenement greens) to build social capital at its existing sites and those they intend to develop over the next two years. The postholder will also play a key part in promoting the new Green Caretakers backgreens maintenance service to households around the sites, which is intended to generate an income for the organisation as well as ensure that the backgreens are maintained and further improved.
Rag Tag N Textile Collective	£47,147.50	Highland	Towards the cost of establishing a Social Firm in the form of a textile recycling workshop providing employment for people recovering from mental health problems. The group has recently taken a 10-year lease and moved into a workshop premises. It has equipment and funds to establish the social enterprise, but wishes to pilot the initiative over 2 years, employing a part-time Development Manager, meet overheads, provide travel expenses for trainees and volunteers etc. The project will provide training opportunities for 8-10 people recovering from mental health difficulties, enabling them to learn new handcraft skills of machine and hand sewing, knitting, crochet, patchwork, textile art. The project will also offer a textile collection service to the community, recycling these waste textiles into fashion items and soft furnishings for marketing locally and nationally. Goods will be sold to locals and tourists, and during the winter the project will run adult learner classes.

**£197,967.50**

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## Connecting Generations

Radio Fyneside CIC	£49,962.00	Argyll & Bute	Towards rent, project overheads, hire of a production studio; professional trainers, personal recording and editing kits for volunteers, and travel expenses to engage with 60 volunteers from across Argyll & Bute to train them in teamwork and radio programme making skills with the aim of producing a series of programmes on local communities which will be broadcast on demand from the organisation's website and turned into CDs.
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Helmsdale Heritage Society	£48,167.10	Highland	Towards the cost of employing a part-time Project Worker for 2.5 days/week for 2 years, associated overheads and project costs to engage the local community in an intergenerational exploration and documentation of sites of historical interest in the East Sutherland area. The Project worker will actively seek to engage with young people, older people, young mums and single parents and develop a varied programme of activities involving mixed-age groups exploring archaeological sites, built heritage, oral reminiscences, flora and fauna, geology and genealogy. The results will form part of the community archive at Timespan and culminate in an exhibition/event in Nov 09.
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**£98,129.10**

## Enterprising & Repositioning

Loganlea Miners Welfare Charitable Society	£47,951.00	West Lothian	The Coalfield Social Enterprise Network exists as a network of 7 local welfare associations, a miners convalescent home and two museums directly related to the mining industry. The informal network exists to promote and develop social enterprises rooted in social welfare and regeneration in communities affected by the demise of the deep mining industry in Scotland and was formed as a result of a lottery funded programme of capital investment which allowed many miners welfare institutions to develop as 'One Stop Shops', expanding their range of services and facilities to better serve their communities. The consequent increase in running costs forced organisations to explore revenue-raising activities. Currently, the network is supported by SENSCOT, the Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation and Community Enterprise but has no funding. This project would move the work of the network on and progress a number of areas of work: wind turbine development projects; joint negotiation of contracts/services and joint marketing of services such as conference facilities; feasibility research into diversification e.g. cinemas and fitness suites; a focus for learning business skills. It would also support the continuing evolution of member organisations, providing support in areas such as governance, admin and finance systems, evaluation of community impact.
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## Repositioning Organisations

Wester Ross Alliance	£49,120.00	Highland	Funding is required to enable the organisation to develop a new organisational structure to identify sustainable income streams and respond more appropriately to the needs of the local community. To adapt, the organisation need to engage in community consultation, research and obtain advice on new structures for the organisation, get assistance to embed these new structure within the existing organisation and implement the changes.
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