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Exploring Peer to Peer Mentoring

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For people and organisations who want to effect sustainable change in communities.

We primarily work with people via:

- Community Ownership
- Community Enterprise
- Communities Supporting Communities
- Sustainable Development

DTA Wales' Core Principles

- Based on bottom up principle of communities helping communities, and community enterprise practitioners helping other practitioners
- Wherever possible use Peer Mentors who have a track record and practical experience in developing and supporting community enterprises
- Support but not do to / for communities – above all, listen and be a critical friend
- Focus on skills and knowledge transfer and on training
- Ensure as much of the funding as possible is re-invested back into the third sector
- Create a lasting legacy and a support network, which will endure beyond the life of the funding

Our Peer Mentoring Programmes / Core Outcomes

- **Enterprising Solutions** – peer mentoring support for community enterprise development – we want to move people along in their enterprise journey
- **Renew Wales** – peer mentoring support to tackle the causes and propose solutions to climate change – we want to help people turn ideas into action

Enterprising Solutions

- 3 Year Programme – started in January 2017 to December 2019
- One in a suite of Programmes and services for the third sector, led by DTA Wales
- Wales wide, no sector restrictions
- Not a Business Support Programme or a general Community Development Programme – it is a bottom up Peer to Peer Support Programme, with community enterprise development as the focus
- Fills a gap in support at the grassroots, for pre-trading, early trading and start up stage
- Aims to support community enterprises – so those working to create and retain wealth and employment in a defined community of place (a neighbourhood) or of interest (a group linked by a common interest) which is controlled by that host community
- **Must** be some intention of the participating community organisation to trade and generate an income to be eligible for support
- Inspiring and facilitating – not “doing” the work for the community

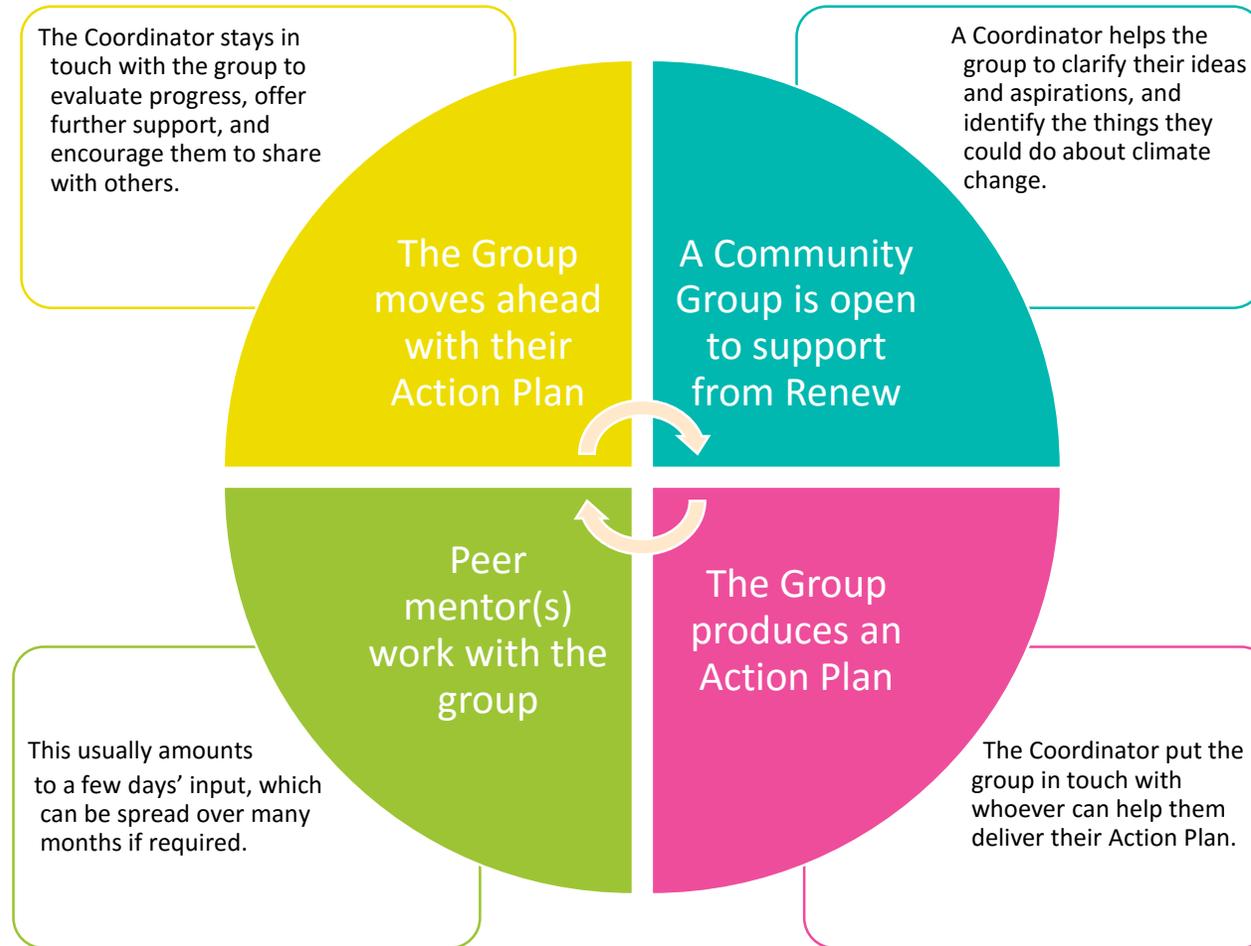
Renew Wales

- Set up by a consortium of sustainability and community development organisations in 2012.
- Hosted at DTA Wales and supported by a practitioner led Steering Group
- Funded via the Sustainable Steps Programme, managed by Big Lottery (Dormant Accounts)
- Wales wide

Supports projects / actions including:

- Food growing, allotments, incredible edible, community gardens, community woodland projects
- Community energy – local renewables, community ownership, energy buying
- Community buildings – asset transfer, energy efficiency, and improving how the buildings are managed and used by the community
- Green / active transport – biking skills, bike repair & facilities, walking to school, car sharing, EV clubs and charging points
- Raising people's awareness of environmental issues, Having the conversations you need to have about the future you want and how to get there
- Recycling, upcycling – waste – and at the moment a big interest in plastics
- Adapting to climate change

How our programmes work



What makes our programmes different?

- Distributed delivery model, working with third sector host organisations
 - Co-ordinators – our eyes and ears on the ground, sign groups up, assess needs, develop Action Plan of support
 - Use of Peer Mentors – deliver bespoke support to each group taking part
- Support community led action – work with voluntary or not-for-private-profit groups including informal, non-constituted groups are fine, for some types of work
- Value existing expertise and experience within the sector – and remunerate people for their time
- Aim to empower communities to do things for themselves, and build resilience

Peer Mentors: What We Mean

- People who have a track record and practical experience of community enterprise, asset development, local networks, community groups, volunteer groups etc
- People who have started their own community enterprises from scratch; set up new enterprising community groups; or undertaken trading, enterprise or sustainability activity in a variety of ways
- People local and accessible to the area where the new proposed community enterprise (the beneficiary group) is located
- Those not afraid to talk about what they have learned (including learning from their failures as much as their successes)
- People who inspire others with their personal commitment and achievements in this field
- People who have done themselves, what ES / Renew is now supporting others to do

Our Panel Today

- Mary Harris, Llanrumney Hall Community Trust
- Andrew Burns, Cycle Training Wales
- Andy Mulligan, Hot Jam
- Tom O’Kane, Cae Tan

Brief introduction from each panel member.

Panel Discussion

Q & A

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