



HOW ELSE MIGHT I CONTRIBUTE?

At Devon SSE we are always delighted to speak with local social entrepreneurs, with a view to you sharing your experiences with our students. We are also keen to speak to experienced business people or entrepreneurs who might be interested in mentoring one of our students. We are happy to signpost students to other organisations where there may be resources, contacts or funding available.

HOW DO I GET IN TOUCH?

If you'd like to find out more, please drop us an email to devon@sse.org.uk or visit the website www.sse.org.uk

DEVON SSE PARTNERS

The Devon programme is led by The Dartington Hall Trust in partnership with SSE UK and local stakeholders in Devon. Our partners include: Devon County Council, Torbay Council, South Devon College, Business Link, Cosmic, University of Plymouth and Tor Homes.



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ARE YOU DRIVEN BY THE DESIRE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?



DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA OR PROJECT THAT YOU WANT TO TAKE TO THE NEXT STAGE?

ARE YOU PERSISTENT, CREATIVE AND WILLING TO BE CHALLENGED TO MAKE POSITIVE CHANGE?



ARE YOU OVER 18 AND DO YOU LIVE IN DEVON?

IF SO, THE DEVON SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS COULD BE WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR!

WHAT IS THE SSE?

The School for Social Entrepreneurs (SSE) was established in 1997 by the late Michael Young (Lord Young of Dartington), himself a highly prolific social entrepreneur. Set up to identify, support and encourage people working for public benefit, [SSE has helped hundreds of individuals realise their potential, start new initiatives, and make a positive difference.](#) SSE achieves this through offering programmes of action learning tailored to the characteristics of social entrepreneurs. Our programmes are built on [learning by doing](#), an approach that emphasises experience, experimentation and personal needs: working in practice, not theory.

WHAT IS A SOCIAL ENTREPRENEUR?

[Entrepreneurs in any walk of life are the people who create change.](#) They see an opportunity, develop an idea to address it, and then bring together the people and resources to make it happen. [Social entrepreneurs do this for the public good.](#) Whether working in community groups, the voluntary or public sector or social enterprises, they strive to improve people's lives by making better use of underutilised resources. For social entrepreneurs, untapped markets are people or communities in need, who haven't been reached by other initiatives.

Although they may read from a different bottom line, social and business entrepreneurs have a lot in common. They build something out of nothing. They are ambitious to achieve. They marshal resources, sometimes from the unlikeliest places, to meet their needs. They are constantly creative. And they are not afraid to make mistakes.

They are [exceptional people](#) with the vision, drive, commitment and determination to change communities - and society as a whole - through practical action and engagement.

THE DEVON SSE PROGRAMME

Devon SSE launched its first programme in January 2010 with a cohort of 19 students, becoming the tenth SSE school worldwide. Our programme is [a year-long personal and professional learning process](#), very different from traditional academic courses - there are no lecturers or textbooks. Each programme is flexible and tailored to the needs of the group. The innovative package of support, training and advice includes:

- Witness sessions
- Expert sessions
- Facilitated action learning sets
- Project visits
- Personal tutors.

Programme modules take place in a number of different locations across the county including Dartington Hall.

WHAT KIND OF PERSON COMES ON THE PROGRAMME?

There are no formal entrance requirements, our students are of all ages (18-60+) and come from a wide range of backgrounds. We select students on their ability to demonstrate the personal entrepreneurial qualities they will need for their project/organisation to develop and thrive. Students will also need to show they can commit to 40 days direct contact time with the Devon SSE learning programme as well as working on their idea for at least 2 days per week over the course of the year.

WHEN DOES THE NEXT PROGRAMME START?

We will run a second programme starting in January 2011. Application forms will be available from May 2010 and interviews will take place from July 2010.