

GREATER MANCHESTER SOCIAL ENTERPRISE NETWORK

Code of Conduct

Social enterprise is about creating a new kind of economy, one that is inclusive and benefits everyone through business practice that is honest and fair.

Social enterprise is a way to rebalance the economy of Greater Manchester. It is a vital partner in the economy, civil society and in creating a fairer, more inclusive Greater Manchester. It is key to the sustainable delivery of public services and to realising the potential within Greater Manchester's communities.

Our Network wants to build a social enterprise movement that is more confident, more coherent, and more wide-reaching in Greater Manchester. It will connect and network social enterprises, nurture a strong collective voice, develop an evidence-based business case, promote and market social enterprise, and lobby and advocate with key agencies.

Our Network will do only what can be done best at a Greater Manchester level. It will otherwise encourage mutual support and collaboration at a thematic or more local level.

Together we can strengthen the social enterprise movement in Greater Manchester.

Network behaviours

It is expected that those participating in the network will:

- treat each other with respect
- participate in network activity
- foster self-help, self-responsibility and solidarity among social enterprises
- not use the network for unsolicited sales campaigns

We also expect you behave in a way that fosters these values:

- **Honesty** - be open, honest and fair with other network participants
- **Openness** - share know-how and experience with other network participants and learn from others' mistakes and good practice
- **Social responsibility** - being an example to others by showcasing social impact in realistic and understandable terms and not overstating our own achievements
- **Caring for others** - encourage and support a diverse and inclusive network which welcomes all those who want to support the social enterprise movement