

Getting Ready for Enterprise

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Why do we want to go into enterprise?

- To raise funds we can decide how to use
- To increase independence, learn new skills
- To create local jobs for our target group
- To serve more people
- To serve a new need



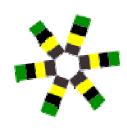
Why not do it?

- Have enough money already
- Ideologically opposed
- Board and staff are opposed or fearful
- No resources to risk
- No leader willing



Are We In Business Anyway?

- A practical as well as philosophical question
- Making a profit
- Differences between business and community agencies - two 'bottom lines'
- Being professional about what we do
- Learning from business



Forms or Stages of Enterprise

- A strategically planned and well run organisation
- Earned income becomes more of the budget
 - Government or other
- New enterprises developed related or unrelated
- An 'affirmative business' emerges
 - Real jobs, competitive wages, internal career paths, ownership



Assessing Nonprofit Capacity for Enterprise

- Know our group & its capacity
- Group culture do we want to? Is it us?
- What is our mission & core business?
- Is enterprise the <u>best</u> way for us
- Board & staff enthusiasm
- Financial need
- Identify vulnerabilities survey
- Available resources we can risk
- Finding the enterprise leader



Analysing Activity

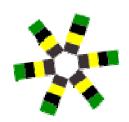
- Money/ Mission Tension
- List all activities/programs or services by client group
- Analyse mission critical vs peripheral activities
- Now analyse profitable vs loss making activities
 - plot on chart
- Identify activities to drop, increase or decrease



Mission Money Matrix

Dual Bottom-Line Matrix





Action following analysis

- STAR--High Mission Impact and High Sustainability:
 Keep and strengthen these activities.
- HEART--High Mission Impact and Low Sustainability:
 Keep and build the sustainability of these activities.
- MONEY SIGN--High Sustainability and Low Mission Impact: Keep and increase the mission impact of these activities.
- STOP SIGN--Low Sustainability and Low Mission Impact; Close or transfer these activities.



How to get started

- Skills/asset audit people, organisation and community
- What business ideas are we excited by?
- Is there a market that can pay? Feasibility
- Better solution than currently available?
- Resources to get started finding expertise
- Start small and learn as we go
- Set targets, measure results social and financial



Conclusion

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