

Workshop 3G Disability and Social Enterprise by John Wade.

- Several members of the audience connected to the organization, Iris Ltd.
- Detailed descriptions of cerebral palsy (600 member's world wide).
- Iris established in 1996 with the motto, "The very best you can be". The name comes from a Goddess of hope, represented in the rainbow.
- High percentages of cerebral palsy have multiple disabilities and chronic health conditions. From fragile new borne through to aged people.
- There are multiple funders for the organization, which has a charitable status.
- There is a wide range of support and advocacy "Disability Advise Service" (includes also personal adviser role).
- Rapid growth, needing review of assets etc: re-invested consolidated, small investment committee.
- Assets: physical and etc, detail on financial and operational aspects. There is an external consultant called Abby Reynolds to assist in positioning and clarity of organization to use for funders and stakeholder.
- Board composed of members from Cerebral Palsy Society, some have cerebral palsy, plus some have children with cerebral palsy.

Actions and next steps:

- Foot care moving towards Social Enterprise.
- Reliant on 100% government funding at the present moment.
- How can we collaborate and partner to also develop a portfolio of Social Enterprise?
- People with disabilities living longer.
- Work opportunities?
- Supporting people through navigation of services.