



A capacity building programme
supporting the growth of social enterprise
organisations in the North West

**A capacity building programme
supporting the growth of social enterprise
organisations in the North West**



CabinetOffice
Office of the **Third Sector**



Northwest
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY



-Delivered by BCT Regensis Ltd on behalf of the Northwest Development Agency-

What is Thrive?

Thrive is a programme that will provide a tailored package of support to help improve your organisation's performance, increase your ability to deliver social benefit and move towards financial sustainability. It is part of a pilot programme funded by Northwest Development Agency recognising the need for tailored support for social enterprises.

The support package could cover, amongst other things, leadership mentoring, securing contracts, marketing and branding strategies, market research, business planning, diversification and development of new services or products, asset development, quality accreditation, networking and alliances, budgeting and financial systems, team-building and governance frameworks.

Who is eligible for Thrive?

The Programme is open to 'social purpose' organisations based or trading within the North West. This includes social businesses, charities and companies with charitable objectives. In order to access the programme organisations will have to demonstrate:

- An aspiration to grow
- The capacity to grow

How will progress be measured?

In order to establish a baseline position and measure progress, organisations will be expected to provide information as part of the programme covering:

- governance
- sources of income
- expenditure
- current contracts
- potential markets
- staffing /volunteers
- future plans

How to access the Programme?

Organisations may be referred to the Thrive programme by: Northwest Development Agency, the Sub-regional Social Enterprise Partnerships, Social Enterprise North West, the Development Trusts Association, Business Link, the NW Social Enterprise Loan Fund and Co-operatives North West.

Acceptance onto the programme will be subject to an initial business diagnostic.