

Case Study:

“Dynamic Purchasing System”

Department of Work and Pensions initiative supports development of local Social Enterprise organisations.

Department of Work and Pensions (DWP), Dynamic Purchasing System

initiative proves to be a big hit with local Social Enterprise organisations.

Engage Renfrewshire proudly supports and promotes the DWP tendering and procurement initiative.



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“Department of Work and Pensions, new Dynamic Purchasing System initiative supports development of local Social Enterprises”.

Engage Renfrewshire is currently working in partnership with the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) Procurement Officers on their new procurement process the ‘Dynamic Purchasing System’ (DPS).

The local Paisley branch of the DWP facilitated a DPS workshop at the Engage Renfrewshire offices. The focus of the workshop was to promote and explain the DPS initiative to the Third Sector as well as encourage local Social Enterprise organisation to register onto the DPS.

The DPS is an electronic process for setting up and maintaining a list of suppliers from whom social and other service provision can be procured locally as and when need arises. The DPS will be DWP’s primary route to market for procuring local provision.

This new way of working asks suppliers to make offers against a National Employability Journey covering a broad range of service categories and route-ways. It has set payment models and outcome expectations. Once registered local SE’s would be able to provide a profile of their employability services and invited to make offers for employability contracts.

This partnership will encourage and provide opportunities for small social enterprise organisations in Renfrewshire to be able to access and benefit from the DPS initiatives. This is an excellent opportunity to help small SE organisations who want to grow, develop and become more enterprising.

Iain Cunningham, Third Sector Development Officer at Engage said: ***“The DPS Procurement process initiative will provide excellent opportunities for the local SE organisations. It will make a real difference by supporting ‘start-ups’ take their initial steps, as well as establish new marketing and business strategies for more established organisations.”***

Andrea Dowd, Employer and Partnership Manager, Department for Work and Pensions said: ***“Thanks to Engage for the opportunity to promote the DPS procurement process to the third sector especially local SE’s. This will enhance the scope of the catalogue of provision to support the DWP customers on their employment journey”***

Engage is currently supporting the DWP procurement officers to promote and encourage other enterprising organisations in Renfrewshire to come forward and be part of the initiative.