



Cheshire&Warrington
socialenterprise
Partnership

thrive 

A programme of dedicated support for
social purpose organisations seeking to sustain
their impact and ensure their future

Background Information & Application Form 2009

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What is THRIVE?

Thrive is a tailored package of support to help improve your organisation's performance, increase your ability to deliver social benefit and move towards financial sustainability.

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.

The support will be delivered by consultants from BCT Regenesi s who specialise in supporting organisations to move away from grant dependency and develop more sustainable income streams. The programme is offered free of charge thanks to financial support from the Bank of America.

Through this Programme, selected organisations will be assisted in putting together a clear, achievable strategy and action plan to safeguard and increase their impact in delivering social benefit.

The Programme is overseen by a panel of assessors representing Cheshire & Warrington Social Enterprise Partnership and Bank of America with support from other key agencies.

Who can apply?

The Programme is open to 'social purpose' organisations based in Cheshire and Warrington including social enterprises, charities, companies with charitable objectives and voluntary / community / faith-based groups.

Thrive will be able to support up to 20 organisations per year. Organisations can apply by completing the attached application form and will be assessed and selected on a competitive basis.

How do you apply?

The application process is in 2 stages:

- **Stage 1: Submit the Application Form** - applications will be assessed on how ready your organisation is to go through the type of changes needed to achieve financial sustainability. You should complete the application form with this in mind providing evidence and examples;
- **Stage 2: Initial Diagnostic** - for applicants who are successful at Stage 1, BCT Regenesi s will undertake an analysis of your organisation to confirm it is eligible to receive support. This process will also establish a baseline of information about your organisation as a starting point for measuring future development.

A formal contract setting out terms and conditions of the support to be provided will then be agreed with your organisation.

The deadline for submission of applications is **31st March 2009**. You will be notified within 14 days thereafter whether your organisation is invited to proceed to Stage 2 of the process.

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Name of your organisation:

Why your organisation should participate in the programme (100-200 words):

This should include your organisation's aims, what activities it delivers, who is involved, who benefits from your activities, and how Thrive can support you.

Existing legal status and governance arrangements:

Turnover for each of the last three complete financial years:

Please attach latest audited accounts.

Typical breakdown of annual turnover by source and type of income:

Name of lead contact for this programme with full contact details:

Any other relevant information:

This could include any significant achievements or difficulties you have worked to overcome, or any further background information.

Date:

Continuation Sheet (if needed)...