



Fact sheet for Round 2 Development Partnerships

EAST MIDLANDS:

Benefiting the Economy and Society Through (BEST) Procurement - This Development Partnership has worked to create an environment where social enterprises are encouraged to develop and enabled to grow. The partnership has published “Social Enterprise and the Public Sector- A Practical Guide to Law and Policy”. This document is a major new resource for those in the public sector who want to support social innovation and covers Procurement and broader Commissioning topics. It also covers topics that may be useful to social enterprises.

Business Creation Partnership - This Development partnership worked with disadvantaged groups in Northamptonshire. It has piloted new ways of supporting the business creation process based on targeted research to identify the specific needs of these disadvantaged groups. It also has set up 'Business Support Northamptonshire to offer ongoing support following the end of Equal.

Midlands Engineering Industries Redeployment Group (MEIRG) – This Development partnership has developed a model by which companies can better manage their businesses and resources through secondment opportunities, upskilling and re-training. It has successfully supported over 2000 individuals into learning and employment.

Progress GB – This development Partnership piloted and disseminated innovative approaches that supported employers to overcome skills shortages by promoting inclusive work practices. It also addressed the needs of refugee and migrant workers to develop and adapt their skills for the UK labour market through a range of lifelong learning opportunities.

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