

Press Release:

## Making The Grassroots Grow At Coalfields Regeneration School

Grassroots organisations in Scotland's mining areas are being challenged to go back to school to learn how to move their enterprises onto the next level.

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust in Scotland has joined forces with Tracey Muirhead, Chief Executive of the School for Social Entrepreneurs Scotland who will run the Coalfields Regeneration School.

The first stage of the recruitment process will take place over the next five weeks when a series of sessions to raise awareness of the Regeneration School will be held across the Scottish Coalfields.

Organisations in Clackmannanshire, Falkirk and Stirling are invited to the session at Resonate Arts House in Alloa from 11.0am – 2.0pm on May 29.

Nicky Wilson Scottish Trustee of the Coalfields Regeneration Trust said: "We are delighted to have someone with Tracey's experience and expertise on board to help local organisations become more enterprising and have a bigger impact on their local communities".

Tracey Muirhead said: "We want to encourage community groups and fledgling social enterprises to understand the changes they need to make to ensure that their procedures and policies meet funders expectations.

"We will be tackling governance, finances, marketing, presentation skills and how the organisation is perceived - all the things that makes them more professional.

"But it won't be all work and no play. We are committed to ensuring that our delegates find it an enjoyable experience as well as being really worthwhile".

One of the delegates on last year's pilot course, Myra Adams of Arden House in Leven said: "I can't recommend the Coalfields Regeneration School highly enough.

"We have gone from knowing nothing about accessing funding to raising enough to refurbish the toilets and the kitchen at Arden House, and now we plan to move onto the next level".

29<sup>th</sup> May – St Mungos Church Hall, Alloa, (all timings are 11am – 2pm)  
30 May – (Crowood Hotel) Muirhead, Glasgow,  
5 June– Coalfield Communities Federation (Cumnock)  
13 June – McSense, Dalkeith  
19 June – British Legion, Methihill.

For further information about the sessions or an application form please contact Tracey Muirhead at SSE Scotland on 07828030741 or email [tracey@ssescotland.org](mailto:tracey@ssescotland.org).