

Financing Social Enterprise in Ireland

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Social Finance Product Workshop 4

We are pleased to invite you to take part in a workshop for social enterprise as part of this 'Financing Social Enterprise in Ireland' project.

We are a consortium comprising **Social Innovation Fund Ireland** (Rethink), **Community Finance Ireland** and **Dublin City University** (supported by the **Irish Social Enterprise Network** as associate partner).

Funded by the European Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) under their initiative supporting 'Actions to boost the development of finance markets for Social Enterprise', we are one of 14 social finance projects currently being undertaken across Europe.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have already participated in our survey and our workshops in 2021. We have used your valuable contributions to refine the 'model social finance product' we think is most suited to the needs of early-stage social enterprise in Ireland today.

This project and our 'model social finance product' would greatly benefit from a final word from you. We will hold a workshop via Zoom on **Thursday 5th May from 4pm to 5.15pm**. We would very much welcome your input. We are particularly interested in hearing from social enterprise who would be interested in using our model product and also those more established social enterprises who can give us the benefit of their experience in accessing finance in the early years.

The Product: Hybrid repayable and non-repayable finance with wraparound social enterprise business support. Finance of circ. €50,000 over 5 years at an over-all cost of 2 – 3 %

If you can attend this workshop, please email us back, preferably before 3rd May 2022.

Link will be provided.

For those attending, we will forward a Zoom invite on Wednesday 4th May 2022. There is no preparatory work and there will be no follow up work.

You are being invited to this workshop because of your experience and your willingness to previously engage with this research or because you are potentially part of the social enterprise eco system to whom this product may be of interest.

The output of this workshop will include the development of a social finance instrument to support early-stage social enterprise. This is a unique opportunity to help design and deliver tailor-made finance solutions for social enterprise across Ireland.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on hello@socialfinance.ie we will reply as soon as we can.

Hope to see you at the workshop

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