



## FORTH SECTOR STUDY VISITS

Forth Sector is a pioneer in social firm development with over fifteen years' experience in the sector, and as such, we are frequently visited by organisations and individuals from all over the world.

We run a range of businesses across the city of Edinburgh in order to create employment opportunities for people with severe and enduring mental health issues, in sectors such as tourism, retail, recycling and consultancy. Visiting us will give you a valuable opportunity to see social enterprise in action, ask questions and benefit from our first hand experience.

You can choose from three visit programmes to suit your needs, each of which are described in the following pages:

- Full Forth Sector Visit
- Day Forth Sector Visit
- Half Day Forth Sector Visit

Please read the information on the following pages to find out more about each of these visits, or give us a call to discuss your needs on 0131 659 4740.

### **Don't just take our word for it...**

"Thank you and your team again for the time and energy which you gave so generously to us all. I have returned to Sheffield inspired and encouraged by what I saw at Forth Sector. Your honest and insightful analysis of your journey so far struck a real chord with me and gave me much to think on. You were clearly carving time out of a very busy schedule for us, and I am profoundly grateful to you for doing so."

Graham Duncan, Centre Manager, St. Mary's Church and Community Centre, Sheffield

"Thank you very much for giving your Nottinghamshire visitors such an interesting and informed account of your work on social enterprise and social firms. Your experience and enthusiasm for this approach to employment left us with a clear sense of the potential for social firms development in Nottinghamshire."

Joe Pidgeon, Service Standards & Business Development Manager, Nottinghamshire County Council

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## **Full Forth Sector Visit**

**Length:** One and a half days

**Venue:** Six Mary's Place Guesthouse

**Participants:** 6 – 12 people

This day and a half visit will provide a comprehensive introduction to all elements of the work of Forth Sector, as well as an in depth look at how we create supportive working environments for people with mental health issues. Visitors will have access to key, experienced staff from across the organisation, through both formal presentations, question and answer sessions and more informal arrangements. This visit also includes an overnight stay at our guesthouse, Six Mary's Place, as well as a visit to one of our other social firms.

The session includes:

- Sessions with staff from across the Forth Sector team
- Introduction to Forth Sector structure, businesses and values
- Tailored question and answer session with operational staff
- Tour and overnight stay at Forth Sector's award winning guesthouse
- Discussion with guesthouse staff
- Evening drinks with Forth Sector staff
- Presentation on Forth Sector's work with trainees
- Tour of either the Soap Co or The Wood Works
- Teas, coffees and lunches provided by Forth Sector's social firms
- Essential resources and information pack on social enterprise

Visit package price: **£1950.00 + VAT.**

Accommodation at Six Mary's Place will be charged in addition to this fee at a per person, per night rate.

## **Forth Sector Day Visit**

**Length:** 1 day

**Venue:** Six Mary's Place Guesthouse

**Participants:** 4 – 12 people

This day long visit gives a clear introduction to the workings of Forth Sector, our businesses and values. Meeting with several key staff members from across the organisation, the visit also includes a tour of Six Mary's Place Guesthouse. For more focus on our work with trainees, or a visit to more of Forth Sector's social firms, we would recommend the Full Forth Sector Visit.

The Day Visit includes:

- Sessions with staff from across the Forth Sector team, including day to day operations, business manager and strategy.
- Introduction to Forth Sector structure, businesses and values
- Tailored question and answer session with operational staff
- Tour of Forth Sector's award winning guesthouse
- Discussion with guesthouse staff
- Tea, coffee and lunch provided by Six Mary's Place
- Essential resources and information pack on social enterprise

Visit package price: **£1125.00 + VAT.**

Accommodation at Six Mary's Place is also available on request.

## **Forth Sector Half Day**

**Length:** half day

**Venue:** Forth Sector Offices

**Participants:** 2 - 8 people

A presentation and informal discussion with a key member of the Forth Sector team, held at Forth Sector's offices in Edinburgh. This short visit will give a basic introduction to Forth Sector's businesses, structure and values. The flexible, informal format will give an opportunity for you to ask questions and discuss issues which are of interest to you, though for a fuller, more detailed session, or visit to our social firms, one of our other visit packages are advisable.

The session includes:

- 3 hours with key member of the Forth Sector team
- Introduction to Forth Sector structure, businesses and values
- Tailored question and answer session
- Essential resources and information pack on social enterprise
- Tea, coffee and lunch provided by Forth Sector's long established catering company Rolls on Wheels.

Visit package price: **£375.00 + VAT.**

Accommodation at Six Mary's Place Guesthouse is also available on request.