

**Dee Valley Community Partnership is a social enterprise operating in the Wrexham area.**

- Why your organisation decided to carry out Social Accounting

Following involvement in the Wrexham Social Economy Project (an ESF objective 3 funded project) an opportunity arose to undertake the training process of social accounting through the Social Accounting Network (SAN)

The importance of undertaking social accounting was recognised by the Board of Directors/Trustees. Social accounting is a very good tool to monitor the impact that an organisation has on its social objectives by consulting stakeholders and gathering existing information.

- How you funded it

The training and chair person audit fees were supported by the Wrexham Social Economy project. The training sessions were delivered by Alan Kay from SAN. This was essential in learning the process of undertaking Social Accounting and the social accounting manual is also good tool.

- What you were already doing that fitted in with the Framework

Dee Valley Community Partnership has a strategy and Action Plan which is its guiding principles and objectives to work towards. This means that a lot of the work that we already did could fit into the Social Accounts.

(Quantitative data)

Training Numbers

Membership Registration Forms

Analysis from Community Newsletter

- The time that it took and the workload required

Dee Valley Community Partnership decided to carry out social accounting on its full area of operation. This resulted in a lot of preparatory work in gathering both qualitative and quantitative data. As a rough guide (fitting the process in between the day job it took)

Training	6 days
Case Studies (in between training)	2 days
Preparing Questionnaires	1 day
Writing Background Information	2 days
Analysing Questionnaires	2 days
Writing Up Analysis	4 days
Economic Impacts	1 day
Summing Up	1 day
Social Audit	1 day
Changes	1 day
TOTAL	21 days (over 4 weeks)

- The benefits gained from doing it

The Social Accounting process is a positive one. It allowed us to gauge our achievements and allowed the directors/trustees to see an overview of achievements. It also identified weaknesses which we need to work towards to put right.

- Would you recommend it to others?

Social Accounting is a good process to undertake if:-

1. You have the support of your trustees (ie. that they understand the process);
2. You have sufficient time to dedicate to the process;
3. You have someone in the organisation that wants to do it.

- Is your organisation continuing with the process? (Now or in the future)

Dee Valley Community Partnership would like to continue with Social Accounting in the future. It is the intention to undertake another audit for the period 2007/08, however it is looking likely that there will not be enough time to undertake this at the moment due to other work commitments.