

Roots Coffee & Community Social Enterprise CIC

(extract from articles explaining Roots CIC)

Not for profit

The Company is not established or conducted for private gain: any surplus or assets are used principally for the benefit of the community.

Objects

The objects of the Company are to carry on activities which benefit the community and in particular (without limitation) to the residents of Kingsholm and the wider Gloucester area, to show Christian faith in practice, and to support church and community work around the world. Roots' coffee shop and multi-use community space aims to be a place that is open to all, equipping, empowering and encouraging our local community to develop their potential through such things as creative arts, life skills, health & wellbeing, family values, and friendship. Ultimately, our vision is to help make Kingsholm a more positive place to live.

Roots is fully committed to all the requirements of nationally recognised standards of social enterprise – specifically being self-sustaining and committed to reinvesting profits back into the community.

Amongst other things this will initially include the following activities:

- Providing a welcoming coffee and community space to act as a hospitable and friendly social setting.
- Providing a multi-use community space for use at affordable prices for community groups and activities. This will include opportunities for youth, families, training, health and welfare activities, and the like.
- Providing a well equipped training kitchen for teaching professional and personal cooking skills to members of the community

We will work with the following values:

- The members have been inspired by the example and message of Jesus Christ in bringing positive change to the world. The example and message of Jesus is therefore a key value and priority. In this our members welcome and work with any individuals or organisations for the good of the community regardless of their beliefs.
- Providing a wise approach to management so that we are environmentally and ethically conscious, and wherever appropriate we source local products and services.
- Holding staff care & customer service among our highest priorities.
- Caring about social justice and raising awareness and action here in Gloucester, the UK and our wider world.

To look to promote and fulfil such other social purposes beneficial to the community in the area and elsewhere as the members may from time to time think fit.