

## **Introducing Elsie**

Leeds Community Enterprise (Elsie for short) is an enterprise accelerator. It is run by a group of trained volunteers drawn from all walks of Leeds life that meet for 2 hours every month to brainstorm advice, guidance and support for anyone in Leeds who is looking to advance a particular project but needs help.

Elsie not only offers practical and technical advice, but will also act as point of contact into other Leeds support networks. She provides a source of wisdom, advice and practical support that can be used by anyone in Leeds who is undertaking any kind of enterprise. It may be a business, a campaign, community group or any other project. Elsie helps anyone who is looking to make progress, but needs a bit of a boost.

Elsie provides a service that is confidential, competent and caring.

Elsie meetings are fun, fast moving, practically focussed and above all helpful – and not just for the people who are seeking support.

## **Want to get involved?**

All that is required is that you attend a 2 hour training session. After this you will be invited to attend our monthly panels. You are under no obligation to attend, but we intend to make them events that you will not choose to miss. If you think you may wish to use Elsie to help people that you are working with then you should attend advocate training. Otherwise member training is the thing for you.

Member training site - <http://elsiemember.eventbrite.com/>

Advocate training site - <http://elsieadvocate.eventbrite.com/>

## **What will you get from helping Elsie?**

- membership of a creative and resourceful network focussed on helping people with worthwhile projects
- access to some really influential and well connected people
- real time information on the issues that block progress in our city
- insights into the resources available in the city and how they are accessed
- the buzz of being part of a team that provides practical and powerful help to move the city forward

You can find out more about Elsie at:

<http://leedscommunityenterprise.wordpress.com/about/>

The first rounds of training take place in Leeds City Centre on July 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. There is no charge to attend, so please do sign up, come along and find out more.