

Social investment rep role

Support Big Local areas to enable them to understand and use social investment as part of their Big Local plans, specifically:

- communicate the potential of social investment for Big Local and how it may work in practice to fellow reps, to Big Local partnerships, residents, and where appropriate, to locally trusted organisations (including credit unions and CDFIs)
- provide concrete examples of how social investment is helping other Big Local areas, and elsewhere
- share practical experience in relation to financial and other inputs and expected and achieved outputs and outcomes
- support social investment networking and learning between areas
- deal directly with queries or problems from Big Local areas about social investment or refer them to Small Change if necessary
- feed into the development of further support as future needs become more clear.

The activities undertaken by the social investment reps will depend on the needs of the areas but might include (and not be limited to):

- workshops for Big Local partnerships, locally trusted organisations, reps, credit unions and CDFIs
- linking up areas that share particular interests in social investment; or links between areas just starting out and those further down the social investment pathway
- attendance at meetings between Big Local partnerships and local credit unions and/or CDFIs
- providing feedback on social investment proposals
- dealing with social investment queries or problems, and providing signposting to other social investment support
- sharing experiences between Big Local partnerships and locally trusted organisations.
- sharing learning with other social investment reps (including examples of best practice or any local issues relating to social investment) and the Big Local team to inform the development of Big Local and participate in the network of reps and delivery partners.

The role is 'light touch', with the emphasis on facilitating or advising on local activities, not undertaking delivery of Big Local activities on the area's behalf.

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