



'Making a Mark'

Mark Holder Social Impact Declaration

Regenerus

Regenerus was created in 2004, as South Sefton Development Trust, to continue the work of a Government-funded regeneration scheme.



We provide a wide range of services to social enterprises and community projects. Promoting social innovation and collaborative economies, we create and facilitate networks of change makers, linking creative thinkers and practitioners to improve health and wellbeing within our local communities.

We have been involved in a wide range of projects across Merseyside and beyond, including managing the £6-million Investment Centre office building in Bootle town centre, supporting local arts and heritage projects, and providing funding for neighbourhood projects.

The Social Enterprise Mark criteria includes a requirement for all applicants and renewing Mark Holders to answer a set of social impact questions, which illustrate how they are striving to meet their social/environmental objectives. Below are examples of how **Regenerus** is Making a Mark, striving to create a positive impact on people and planet.

Expanding access to opportunity for local residents

South Sefton suffers high levels of deprivation, high rates of ill health and high unemployment. We aim to expand access to opportunity, improving confidence and employability, contributing to local

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economic improvements and more confident residents in our local communities.

For example, our Taking Root collective of community gardens supports people to thrive by improving health and well-being through healthy eating, physical activity, growing confidence and sense of achievement, and contributes to positive mental health by combating isolation and connecting communities.

Community; Culture; Enterprise; Skills

We deliver our objectives through four main areas: Community; Culture; Enterprise and Skills.

We focus on engaging local residents in confidence building and skills development activities to improve employability, and also facilitate enterprise and social enterprise development.



Our Taking Root in Bootle project is building the collaboration between communities and social enterprises, to grow an environmental ecosystem, linking community gardens and growing, food and health projects in South Sefton.

We are also currently partners in three European projects, co-funded by the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union.

Implementing improvements to local areas

We are increasing the numbers of community gardens and green corridors, engaging local residents to work together to implement environmental improvements to our local area. As at September 2018, we are working with 93 volunteers in 21 existing and developing groups.

Feedback from our horticulture training project demonstrates the impact; one of our volunteers told us, *"I really enjoyed working together to establish our community garden, getting active, making new friends and seeing the results of our hard work. Gaining a qualification to show what I've learnt makes me feel really proud of myself"*.

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