

## **Are you recently retired?**

## **Would you like to make a difference in your community?**

WLD is putting together a **Enterprise Mentor Panel** of approximately 8/10 retired people to mentor new start-up business enterprises on a voluntary basis.

We are now calling for retired people with a background in business, the professions or public service to express interest in becoming part of this panel and supporting enterprise development locally in Co. Wexford.

It is an opportunity to continue to use the experience you have built up during your working life, both for personal fulfilment and for positive social impact.

### **Who will the Mentor Panel Support?**

Many of the people WLD works with through the Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Scheme would benefit from the experience and skills an older, retired person has to offer.

The Back To Work Enterprise Allowance is a Department of Social Protection Scheme which is administered by Wexford Local Development and provides a range of supports including training, with Welfare payments continuing for a period while the business establishes itself.

Our experience has shown that chances of success for a new enterprise start-up are greatly enhanced if the business has access to a Mentor who can advise and guide until they find their feet

### **How will the Mentor Panel Work?**

After initial selection of the panel, two half-days mentor training will be provided for the volunteer mentors. Following this we will work with the mentors to match specific business skills and experience with the individual business promoters needs - for instance you may have experience in cash-flow management, seeking out new customers or pricing services, etc.

Mentors will then support the business for a set period of 3 months, followed by an evaluation.

**If you are interested in using your lifetime's experience for positive social impact in your local community, then please contact us.**

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