

Responsible Finance 2019 and the Citi Microentrepreneurship Awards 13th and 14th March 2019, Liverpool

Day One: 13th March 2019

- 12:00-13:00 Conference registration, networking with lunch
- 13:00-13:10 Welcome - Jennifer Tankard (Responsible Finance)
- 13:10-14:30 Agile and innovative – the role of responsible finance providers in a rapidly changing world
- [Sarah Longlands, Director, IPPR North](#)
 - [Paul Jones, Just Finance Foundation](#)
 - [Rob Lawson, Head of Sustainability, Provident Financial](#)
- 14.30-15.00 Refreshment Break
- 15:00- 15:55 Workshops

1. Personal lending workshop: Budget 2018 policy announcements

The Government's 2018 budget made a number of recommendations that will impact on the sector, including a feasibility study into no interest loans. Come and join a discussion about the opportunities these will create for the sector and how to make the most of them.

- [Mick Brown, Robert Owen Community Bank](#)
- [Niall Alexander, Carnegie UK](#)

2. Social enterprise lending workshop: Creating the right products for an evolving market

What kinds of finance and support are needed by charities and social enterprises? Are the CDFIs giving them what they need? Come and join a discussion about product innovation to match client expectations.

- [Andrew O'Brien, Social Enterprise UK](#)
- [Ged Devlin, Power to Change](#)
- [Dave Neilson, Fusion 21](#)

3. Cross-sector workshop: Innovation and responsible finance

What are the latest developments in fintech? Is there anything entering the market that will change the game of responsible finance providers and improve access to business and personal finance for our customers. Come along to discuss the latest views on innovation and share your views on industry's ability to respond.

- [Katarzyna Pawlak, Microfinance Centre](#)
- [Paul Kalinauckas, BCRS](#)
- [Marloes Nicholls, Finance Innovation Lab](#)
- [Andrew Rabbit, Incuto](#)

4. Business lending workshop: Learning the lessons from the USA, with Big Society Capital

Following a visit by Responsible Finance providers to the USA in 2018, this workshop will consider the lessons learnt from CDFIs based in New York, how they operate, their representation, sources of investment and the role of government in supporting the sector. Come and discuss with the panel the impact of this learning on their own organisations.

- [John Peters, SWIG](#)
- [Duncan Parker, Fredericks Foundation](#)
- [Qammar Zamman, First Enterprise](#)
- [Andrew Austwick, Finance for Enterprise](#)

5. Meet the funders and suppliers

This is your opportunity for a 121 session with existing and potential investors and suppliers for the sector. Book your 15 minute slot on the day.

- [Big Society Capital](#)
- [British Business Bank](#)
- [Business Finance Solutions \(the Growth Company\)](#)
- [Unity Trust Bank](#)
- [Charity Bank](#)
- [Incuto](#)
- [Ethex](#)

16.00-16:55	Workshops (repeat of sessions above)
17:30-18:15	AGM with refreshments
19:00-20:00	Pre-dinner drinks and networking,
20:00-22:30	Citi Microentrepreneurship Awards and Dinner,
22:30-Late	Post-dinner networking and drinks

Day Two: 14th March 2018

9:00-9:10 Key note speaker – John Glen, Economic Minister, HMT, video address

9:10-10:10 The future of Responsible Finance – what will the industry look like in 2025?

- [Jennifer Tankard, Responsible Finance, Chair](#)
- [Paul Kalinauckas BCRS](#)
- [Steve Clarke, Unity Trust Bank](#)
- [Stephen Pegge, UK Finance](#)
- [Robert Kelly, ABCUL](#)
- [Funding Circle](#)

10:15-11:05 Workshops

1. Business Lenders – Building business resilience at a time of economic uncertainty

What role do responsible finance providers have in supporting the resilience of their clients. Do we have the right products and support to offer to ensure that businesses continue to trade through uncertainty? This session will consider latest research on this issue and good practice from business lenders.

- [Maria Wishart, Warwick Business School](#)
- [Professor Monder Ram, Centre for Research in Ethnic Minority Entrepreneurship at Aston University](#)
- [Lisa Greenhalgh, MSIF](#)
- [Neil Cowley, Small Business Commissioner](#)

2. Personal Lenders – building partnerships for better consumer outcomes

The government increasingly wants to see more co-operation and collaboration between credit unions and responsible finance providers. Come along to discuss how building a strong relationship can build both reputation and market share.

- [Robert Kelly, ABCUL](#)
- [Chris Smyth, Leeds City Credit Union](#)
- [Sharon MacPherson, Scotcash](#)
- [James Berry, Bristol Credit Union](#)
- [Faisel Rahman, Fair Finance](#)

3. Social enterprise lenders – creating a sustainable future

We have recently seen consolidation amongst social investment intermediaries. How close are we all to sustainability and what will it take for the sector to stabilise financially?

- [Daniel Wilson-Dodd, Big Issue Invest](#)
- [Holly Piper, CAF](#)
- [Ed Siegal, the Charity Bank](#)
- [Ged Devlin, Power to Change](#)

4. General – measuring impact should we start to align with the United Nation’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?

Responsible finance providers actively support transparency and accountability to funders and clients / consumers while impact investing remains a hot topic. But as a sector how can we move towards more streamlined assessment and reporting while still

- [Stephen Waud, Business Enterprise Fund](#)
- [Matthew Boggis, Triodos Bank](#)
- [Karen Davies, Purple Shoots](#)
- [Marcus Hulme, Places for People](#)

11:05-11:25 Refreshment Break

11:30-12:20 Workshops (repeat of workshops above)

12:25-13:15 Plenary 3: Leading the sector into the future

A final session to share opportunities ahead for responsible finance providers; what might the future look like and what is the role of good leadership in taking advantage of new opportunities?

- [Marc Cowling, Professor of Entrepreneurship, Brighton Business School](#)
- [Natalia Fernandez, Big Issue Invest](#)
- [Rate Settler](#)

13:15-14:00 Lunch, networking and conference close

For booking details visit the [Responsible Finance website](#).