

The Carnegie United Kingdom Trust works to improve the lives of people throughout the UK and Ireland, by changing minds through influencing policy, and by changing lives through innovative practice and partnership work. The Carnegie UK Trust was established by Scots-American philanthropist Andrew Carnegie in 1913.

Introduction

In its 2011 Strategic Plan, the Trust will focus on the development and implementation of challenging new policy thinking in three principle areas: Enterprise & Society, People & Place, and Knowledge & Culture.

The Trust's new policy team has been tasked to identify innovative contemporary policy questions across these themes to be closely researched and tested, evaluated and reviewed, and then presented with recommendations for implementation, piloting and stakeholder advocacy.

Whilst looking to develop its internal capacity for policy development, the Trust continues to be actively engaged with all sectors, and open to external ideas and partnership.

Enterprise & Society

In recent years, the Trust has been a driving force in developing **new models for enterprise** in rural communities. In the same spirit, the Trust now wants to look at how all communities and individuals can be supported to thrive, as traditional patterns of trade and employment become less relevant to more and more people.

Regulated markets can play a major role in delivering wellbeing, and rely on social and community understanding and engagement.

In an increasingly globalised world, this regulated control over markets seems distant and unaccountable to many, so the Trust wants to identify innovative ways of reconnecting regulation to real life.

The Trust has a proven heritage in the development of **skills and lifelong learning** through funding the WEA, and helping to create Carnegie College in Leeds, Colleg Harlec in Wales, and Newbattle Abbey College in Scotland. The Trust continues to be interested in skills development, equality of access to skills, and the relationship between education and the economy.

The Trust also works to understand how change in a globalised economy is impacting individuals and individual decision making. It wants to base its research and ideas on the **practical economic experiences** of people in the UK and Ireland.

Sharing Ideas

The Trust welcomes every opportunity to discuss ideas with policymakers, the public sector, voluntary organisations, business, individuals and communities. It is also open to innovative ways of working in partnership, where these are appropriate to the aims of the research and its approach to outcomes-led policy development.