

Losing Control... with Funding & Social Finance: It's **SIMPL**!

Thursday 2nd May 2019
9.30 – 16.30
Devonport Guildhall, Plymouth

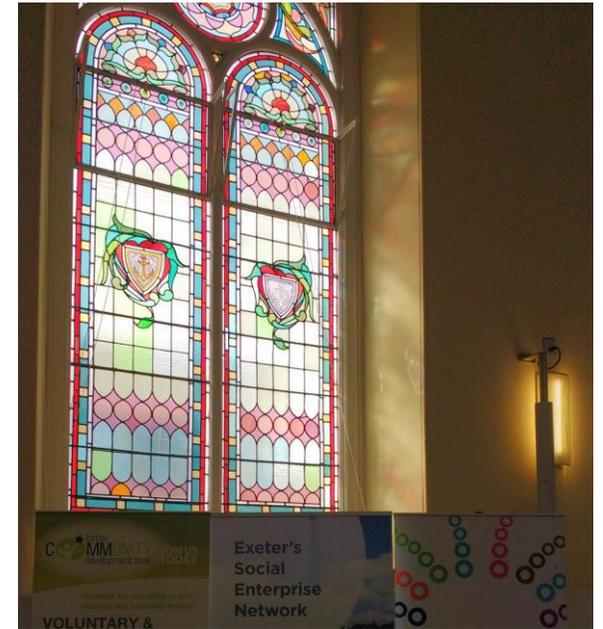


An impression of 'Losing Control'

1st May, 18.30-21.30 (Ocean Studios), 2nd May 9.30-16.30 (Devonport Guildhall)

At [Ocean Studios](#), [RIO](#) and [POP+](#) hosted an evening to 'chew the fat' together, connect and pave the way for deeper more meaningful conversations to take place the next day...





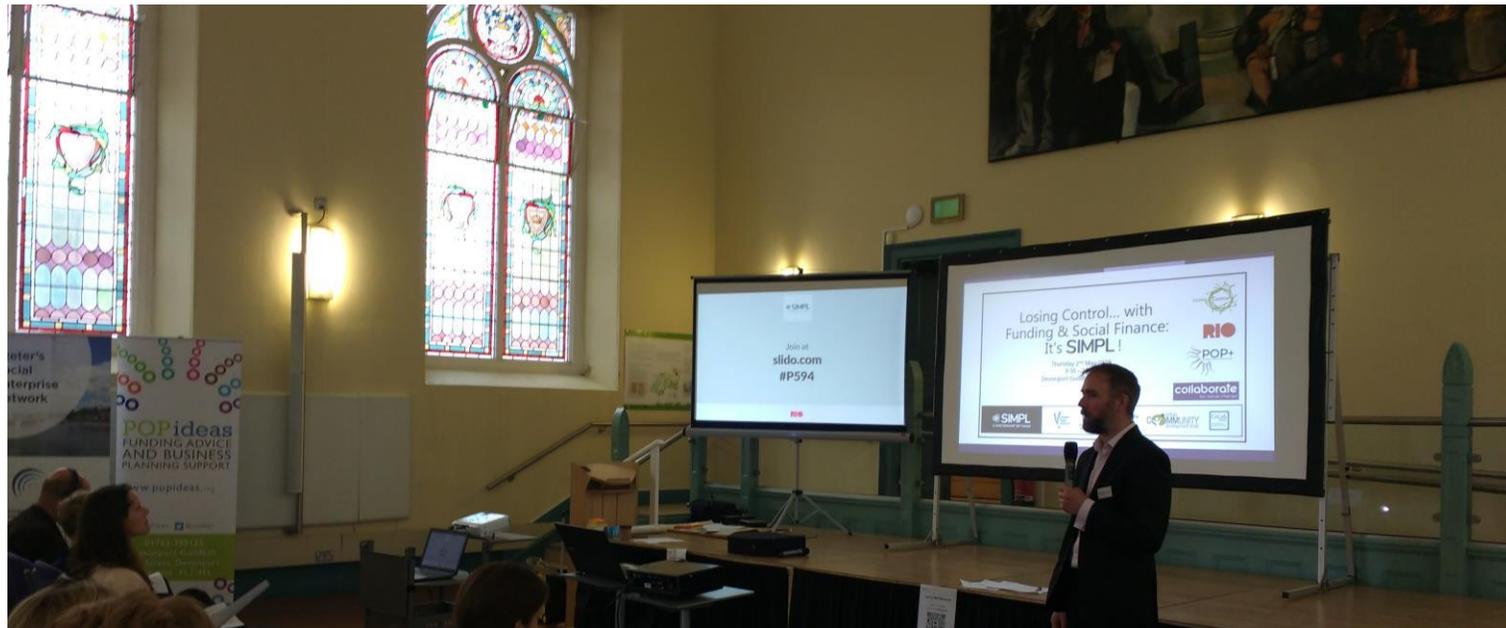
Ready for 110 delegates from across the UK to 'Explore, Apply, Act & Challenging Differently' in the realm of collaborative finance-by-design.

#losingcontrol #radicalfinance



How can funders (investors, grant makers, commissioners, philanthropists) work together, and with potential providers, to create a collaborative-by-design system of finance?





Matt Bell introducing the day and Dawn Plimmer from [Collaborate CIC](#) giving an overview of

'[Exploring the New World](#): Practical Insights for Funding, Commissioning and Managing in Complexity'.

Explore Differently: Exploring provocative statements to stimulate creative thinking throughout the day

#1 - Accountability for delivering results cannot exist in complex environments

#2 - More participation and diversity always makes better decision making

#3 - By not aligning funds, funders are actively choosing poor outcomes

#4 - Managing performance by outcomes perpetuates harm



- ^{side} Orgs cannot be accountable for result
- Fear - leads to reverting to the norm.
- ↳ role of system leadership - building capability
- Role of autonomy
- Personal accountability
- Long way to go! Need to be accountable for something, somehow.
- How manage risk in complexity?
- Cultural challenges
- Ensure new approaches aren't more burdensome
- What tools are there to think about collective impact:
- System should be accountable for creating condition
- People have simple need,

#4 Key points

- * Be qualitative & quantitative
- * Outcomes \neq static
- * data used for information not strict performance management
- * funders valuing a person centred approach, remembering their end purpose
- balancing accountability with flexibility/creativity
- * it takes a coalition of the willing nurturing personal relationships
- * shared understanding of value at delivery level

SUMMARY

CULTURE OF COMPETITION IN CHARITY SECTOR.

DIVIDE IN 'POWER' - VOL. / PUBLIC / FUNDERS

DEMOCRACY ?

IS ALIGNMENT ?

SINGLE ISSUE FUNDING CAN CAUSE HARM.

LEVERAGE

BETTER USE / SHARING DATA.

DECADES OF STRUCTURES.

NEED MORE FUNDERS AROUND TABLE

TRUST / RELINQUISHING CONTROL / RISK.

LEADERSHIP / POLITICS.

AI SOLUTION

RISK OF CLUB/CABAL

#littleheresies 3

By not aligning funds, funders are actively choosing poor outcomes

Some of the key findings of exploring the #littleheresies, shaping the next round of...

Apply Differently: Reflecting on the implications of the 'little heresies' for practice

- Sam Magne – Can we structure social investment to incentivise positive system behaviours?
- Clare Fitzgerald – What are the implications for how we think about accountability and understanding social impact?
- Frances Northrop - Views of Investment
- Hannah Alcock - When and why do funders collaborate/not collaborate?
- Gareth Hart- Income generation for sustainability.





Getting this engaged and buzzing audience to go into the PM...

Act Differently:

Practical challenges

Want to get involved?
Do you have support to offer?
Please add your name + contact details to the relevant challenge.

How do we achieve better outcomes through the expansion of personal health budgets? - Hugh Groves

Designing a collaborative-by-design funding process (Hannah Alcock/Matt Bell)

How to follow down a day's worth of risk and likelihoods and separate into a handful of practical common goals that need to be done. The goal has been to assist with similar life experience for

London people + push at risk of homelessness and harm - Evolve.
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How can we change culture to help people work in different ways?

How can reducing hierarchy make better use of funding + finance?

Can reducing hierarchy enable us to make better use of funding and resources? (Simon Sherbersky)

How do we re-engage communities in caring about green spaces?
- Clare Turbutt + Jenna Sherman.

How do we create the culture at all levels to put people first?

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Designing a cooperative/collaborative-by-design funding process
- Matt Bell + Hannah Alcock

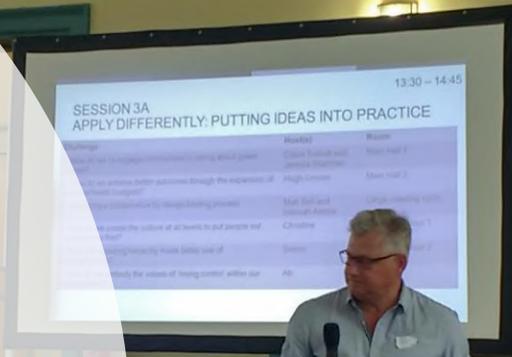
How do we 'lose control' in our organisations to enable this way of working? (Ab Brightman)

How do we embody the values of losing control inside our organisations? - Ab, LC network

Challenge Differently

Key areas of action that arose at the end of the day:

- Working around *specific challenges* with funders and commissioners to design new ways of working.
- *Connecting* with others who are trying to think differently.
- Working on how we *evaluate and learn* in a meaningful way.
- *Developing capacities* in order to work differently together, across mission & organisation.



Massive thanks to you all who contributed to making this evening & day event possible!

Please note down **Thursday 11th July** (Exeter) as the next SIMPL regional gathering. We will be sharing our learning as a partnership and looking forward to what is to come.

