

## Resources for Social Value and financial returns

### Resources

#### **Social Value UK** - [Click here for Social Value UK](#)

Social Value UK supports social generally accepted accounting principles (SGAAP) that can be used to account for and manage the social, economic and environmental outcomes created by an activity or organisation. We believe this social value should be measured from the perspective of those affected by an organisation's work. The website has a self-assessment tool created in collaboration with [Hall Aitken](#) to help users judge how well their evaluation practices adhere to principles of best practice. The tool is comprised of a seven stage questionnaire, showing results as a spider chart illustrating areas of strength and areas for improvement. By using the self-assessment tool you can:

- Fully explore the benefits of the Social Value Principles
- Get advice on what to do next
- Get an accurate baseline of how good your social value measurement practices are

Social Value UKL offers a range of service to support organisations to be able to manage and account for the social, economic and environmental outcomes created by an activity or organisation. They believe this social value should be measured from the perspective of those affected by an organisation's work. As part of this they offer a range of resources to enable organisation to measure the Social Return on Investment: [Social Return on Investment Guide](#)

#### **Social Impact Tracker** - [Click here for Social Impact Tracker](#)

Social Impact Tracker is an online data application for frontline organisations to report on their outputs, outcomes and measure impact. The customised platform enables organisations to 'self-impact' and see the difference they are making on people's lives or simply to report on its inputs, outputs and social impact to any funder.

**Cost** - There is a cost to use the service from £60 per month.

### **HACT** - [HACT Social Value Services](#)

Although created for Housing Associations this website has a range of resources including the Social Value Bank and the Social Value Calculator.

### **nef consulting Prove and Improve** - [Click here for nef](#)

The nef have created a toolkit to help you take steps to prove and improve the quality and impact of your organisation, including:

- **Tools For You:** This booklet gives essential information on more than 20 tools and methods that can help you to prove and improve your organisation's quality and impact.
- **Tool Decider and Comparison Charts:** The Decider and Comparison Charts are designed to be used together, offering an overview of approaches to measuring impact and quality. The charts feature more than 20 tools compared for quick reference.
- **Tool Decider:** choosing the right tool for your organisation.
- **Resources:** Provides the fundamentals of measuring the outcomes and impacts of your work and help on developing your own indicators.

### **Unit Cost Database** - [New Economy Manchester Unit Cost database](#)

This unit cost database brings together more than 600 cost estimates, most of which are national costs derived from government reports and academic studies. The costs cover crime, education & skills, employment & economy, fire, health, housing & social services; they can be used to inform proposals for new interventions, the redesign of public services or their evaluation. Having access to such information to forecast the costs and benefits associated with programmes or projects, prior to the undertaking of more detailed Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA).

### **Global Value Exchange** - [Global Value Exchange](#)

The Global Value Exchange is a crowd sourced database of Values, Outcomes, Indicators and Stakeholders. It provides a free platform for information to be shared enabling greater consistency and transparency in measuring social & environmental values. The site empowers users by giving them a voice to share their experiences and allow them to become the 'creators of knowledge'.