



The Social Enterprise Ambassadors are 30 of the most inspirational social entrepreneurs in the country, appointed by the Cabinet Office in 2007.

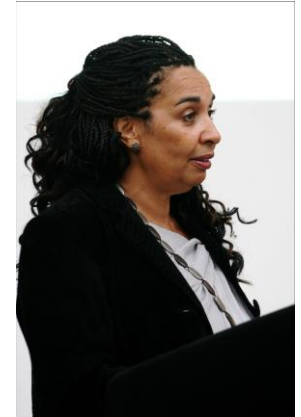
They are passionate about their work and keen to share that passion to inspire others to use business to tackle social and environmental issues.

All of the ambassadors are leaders of successful social enterprises, and illustrate the breadth and depth of businesses driven by a social or environmental mission. They operate in different markets and geographical areas across the country, in industries including IT, health and social care, retail, marketing, transport, recycling, the arts and education.

The ambassadors are independent business people and are free to speak their mind. They are working voluntarily to encourage people to start, work for, buy from and partner with social enterprise.

To enquire about booking an ambassador for your event, please email [ambassadors@socialenterprise.org.uk](mailto:ambassadors@socialenterprise.org.uk) or call 020 7793 2287.

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**Claire Dove,**  
**Chief executive, Blackburne House**

As well chairing the Social Enterprise Coalition, Claire has led Blackburne House in Liverpool since its inception in the 1980s. One of the leading women's education providers in the UK, the House itself is also host to a range of award winning social enterprises.

Among the top 10% of FE providers in the UK, Blackburne House was awarded Beacon Status in 2005 and continues grow its training remit; encompassing not only women embarking upon education for the first time but also professional women looking to broaden their skills and enhance their career prospects.

Claire works closely with local business and government to ensure that the training at Blackburne House contributes to the wider regeneration of Merseyside and the North West. She is a member of the Regional Learning and Skills Council, Governor of Liverpool John Moore's University and Deputy Chair of the Corporation Board of Liverpool Community College. Claire is also a business ambassador for the North West Development Agency.

Claire is an experienced speaker and chair, able to speak with authority on broad issues within social enterprise in the public sector as well as her own business experiences.