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CONSULTANT PROFILE

Solihin Garrard, Director and Principal Consultant, Makesfive Ltd

Solihin Garrard has run his consultancy company, *Makesfive Ltd*, for 14 years, working at national, regional, sub-regional and local levels. This experience has included **national programme evaluation; research, analysis, & national publication of good practice; partnership development and building capacity; and supporting performance improvement and management**. Makesfive has supported clients in direct and collaborative contexts within, across and between all sectors. Solihin is particularly interested in how organisations work together in *inter-agency* collaboration.

Through Makesfive Solihin has delivered **keynote speeches** for senior Regional Development Agency policy makers; undertaken **national evaluation projects**; helped **develop effective collaborative working in Local Strategic Partnerships**. He has also run innovative workshops to **develop partnership skills**; researched and written **national resources for the Voluntary and Community Sector and also for the wider public sector**; led ESF training and capacity building projects, for the voluntary, private, and public sectors. Following joint research with Educe into “what works” for data sharing for Local Strategic Partnerships, he worked in the team that **evaluated the Supporting Evidence for Local Delivery national pilots for the DCLG**. In January 2009 he jointly supported the South East England Regional Assembly’s select committee on *SEEDA and sub-regional working*, researching and writing the background “context and issues paper” and participating in the select committee.

In Spring 2009 Solihin has investigated the *scale of investment in adult learning within the third sector (TS)* as part of the **Inquiry into the Future for Lifelong Learning (IFLL)**, and researched and written web materials on **community empowerment** for the IDeA. For 18 months (to March 2009) he facilitated *Neighbourhoods – the role of frontline councillors*, one of the IDeA’s **on-line communities of practice**, and in July 2009 he facilitated strategic workshops for **Susila Dharma International**, an international NGO holding special UN consultative status, helping international members **plan key Goals for a new four-year work period**.

Makesfive led the *Facilitating Effective Partnerships* service within Learning and Skills Network *Solutions*. In this role Solihin supported **strategic partnership developments** in further and adult community learning. In March 2008 Solihin ran workshops on “*Skills for Successful Partnerships*”, delivering a powerful and innovative programme as part of the sustainable communities agenda. Makesfive has been an approved supplier of the IDeA since 2007 and holds a **Consultancy Framework covering Generic skills to 2013**. He also contributed to the debate led by Demos that resulted in the production of the publication “*The Collaborative State*” (March 2007); worked with Zennor Consulting within the LDA Opportunities Fund to **build capacity in data protection and data sharing** for organisations in London. Solihin wrote “*How Your Council Works*” for NAVCA/ IDeA/ Urban Forum on behalf of the National Empowerment Partnership, published in September 2008. Solihin is an **associate of Delta Partnership**, a global management consultancy focusing on building capacity in public services.