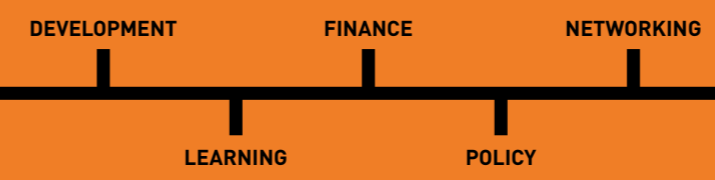


Welcome to the map of support for Social Enterprises in Scotland*

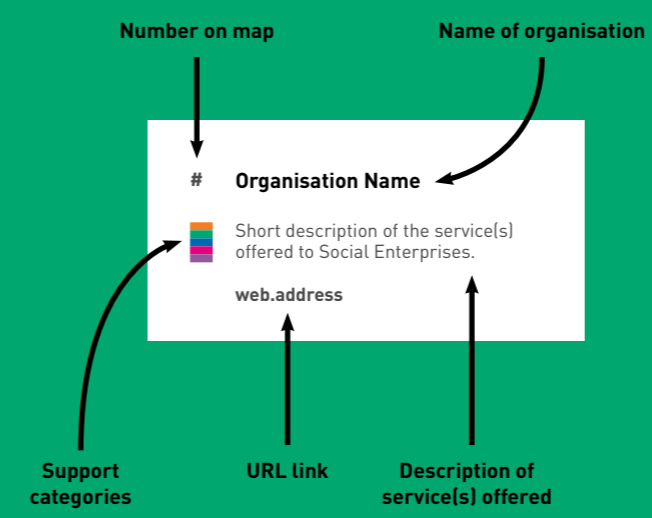
It can be a bit daunting for new social enterprises to find what they need.



We hope that this 'support map' will help you begin that journey - allowing you to seamlessly navigate through the best support available for you.

The directory:

The following page includes a directory of Social Enterprise support organisations across Scotland that may be relevant to you.



*Aimed not to articulate the eco-system, but as a tool for those who need a guide to find support.

- 1 **Big Issue Invest**
Big Issue Invest Scotland provides loans to finance the growth of sustainable social enterprises and charities. www.bigissueinvest.com/big-issue-invest-scotland-biis
- 2 **Build It** (Firstport)
Funding of up to £25,000 for individuals to grow an enterprising idea that has been successfully piloted. www.firstport.org.uk/funding/item/287-build-it
- 3 **Business Gateway**
Business Gateway provides free business support and impartial advice to start-up and existing businesses in Scotland. www.bgateway.com
- 4 **Business Mentoring Scotland**
A one to one mentoring programme operated by the Chambers of Commerce. www.scottishchambers.org.uk/services
- 5 **CEIS**
CEIS provides practical and effective business support services to help social enterprises manage and grow their business. www.ceis.org.uk
- 6 **CEMVO**
CEMVO builds the capacity and sustainability of the ethnic minority voluntary sector and its communities. www.cemvoscotland.org.uk
- 7 **Co-operative Development Scotland**
Co-operative Development Scotland is the arm of Scottish Enterprise that supports collaborative and employee ownership business models. www.cdsblog.co.uk
- 8 **Community Enterprise**
Community Enterprise provides hands-on support from ideas generation right through to business planning and branding. www.communityenterprise.co.uk/get-support
- 9 **Community Learning Exchange**
The Exchange will fund the costs of a study visit to learn from others doing similar things. www.scottishcommunityalliance.org.uk/community-learning-exchange
- 10 **Community Ownership Support Service**
Scotland-wide advisory service providing communities with advice and support on the transfer of public assets into community ownership. www.dtascommunityownership.org.uk
- 11 **Community Shares Scotland (CSS)**
CSS raises awareness of community shares and supports communities to raise money this way. www.communitysharresscotland.org.uk
- 12 **Cranfield Trust**
Time limited free business support from senior executives in the private sector. www.cranfieldtrust.org
- 13 **Crowdfunding**
Crowdfunding is the practice of funding a project by raising small amounts of money from a large number of people largely online.
- 14 **Development Trust Association Scotland**
Supports, promotes and encourages development trusts within communities across Scotland. www.dtascot.org.uk
- 15 **DSL Business Finance**
DSL provide loans to start-up and growing businesses in Scotland and delivers the Scottish Microfinance Fund. www.dsl-businessfinance.co.uk
- 16 **Empowering Communities Fund**
Scottish Government funding that support various community-led regeneration programmes. www.gov.scot/policies/community-empowerment/empowering-communities-fund
- 17 **Enterprise Accelerator**
Enterprise Accelerator offers business support to community organisations with little or no trading but who wish to explore this. www.scottishcommunityalliance.org.uk/enterprise-accelerator
- 18 **Firstport**
Firstport provides a full package of support to help social entrepreneurs make their ideas a reality. www.firstport.org.uk
- 19 **Funding Scotland**
Funding Scotland is operated by the SCVO to provide access to up to date information on funding opportunities. www.fundingscotland.com/p/www-funding-guide
- 20 **Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE)**
HIE invests in building capacity, empowering communities to acquire assets, enabling growth in the economy. www.hie.co.uk/community-support
- 21 **Impact Hub Inverness**
Impact Hub Inverness helps develop social enterprises in the Highlands and Islands and beyond, and operates a co-working space. www.inverness.impacthub.net
- 22 **Individual (Angel) Investors**
High net worth individuals who invest in social enterprises. www.angelinvestmentnetwork.co.uk
- 23 **Inspiralba Argyll & Bute**
Inspiralba provide support for social enterprise development, growth and sustainability across Argyll and Bute. www.inspiralba.org.uk
- 24 **Interface**
A central hub connecting organisations to all of Scotland's universities, research institutes and colleges. www.interface-online.org.uk
- 25 **International Social Enterprise Observatory**
The first point of contact for Scottish social enterprises considering trading internationally and international social enterprise queries.
- 26 **Just Enterprise**
Just Enterprise provides funded start-up, business support, learning and leadership services to social enterprises throughout Scotland. www.justenterprise.org
- 27 **LaunchMe** (Firstport)
LaunchMe is Scotland's social enterprise accelerator for ambitious social enterprise start-ups www.firstport.org.uk/programmes/launchme
- 28 **Local funds**
There are a number of local funds investing in social enterprise in specific areas.
- 29 **Partnership for Procurement (P4P)**
P4P provides consortia and capacity building support to CEOs and third sector organisations to tender for contracts. www.p4p.org.uk
- 30 **Pilotlight**
Pilotlight brokers relationships between the private and third sectors to offer medium term strategic business support. www.pilotlight.org.uk
- 31 **Resilient Scotland**
Resilient provides flexible social investment to enable organisations to have an impact on local regeneration. www.resilientscotland.org.uk
- 32 **School for Social Entrepreneurs Scotland (SSES)**
SSES provides ongoing training and support to individuals trying to create and sustain social businesses. www.the-sse.org/schools/6/scotland
- 33 **Scotland UnLtd**
Scotland UnLtd finds, funds and supports social entrepreneurs from an original endowment from the Millennium Commission. www.unltd.org.uk
- 34 **Scottish Community Alliance**
A coalition of community based national networks, promoting cooperation, collaboration and shared resources between them. www.scottishcommunityalliance.org.uk
- 35 **Scottish Community Finance (SCF) Ltd**
SCF Ltd assists communities to raise capital by offering Community Bonds to local individuals and organisations. www.scotcomfinance.scot
- 36 **Scottish Community Reinvestment Trust (SCRT)**
SCRT provides objective, comprehensive information and training on social investment to the Scottish Third Sector. www.scrt.scot
- 37 **Scottish Enterprise**
Scottish Enterprise is Scotland's main economic development agency and aims to deliver a significant, lasting effect on the Scottish economy. www.scottish-enterprise.com
- 38 **Scottish Land Fund**
Supporting urban and rural communities to become more resilient and sustainable through the ownership of land and assets. <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/scottish-land-fund>
- 39 **Senscot**
Senscot works to support a network of grassroots social enterprises across Scotland - connecting; informing; and developing new support services. www.senscot.net/
- 40 **Senscot Legal**
Senscot Legal provides affordable and accessible legal advice services to social enterprises and the wider third sector. www.se-legal.net
- 41 **Social Enterprise Academy**
Leadership, entrepreneurship and impact measurement: learning programmes for people and organisations leading social change. www.socialenterprise.academy/scot
- 42 **Social Enterprise Collection (Scotland)**
A growing collection of papers, and reports on the growth of Community Business, Community Enterprise and Social Accounting. www.gcu.ac.uk/yunuscentre/johnpearcememoriallecture/
- 43 **Social Enterprise EDGE (SEE) Award**
Scottish EDGE is a competition funded by Scottish Enterprise and Postcode lottery to support innovative entrepreneurial talent. www.scottishedge.com
- 44 **Social Enterprise Networks (SENs)**
SENs offer social enterprises access to peer support, joint working opportunities and a collective voice locally and nationally. www.se-networks.net
- 45 **Social Enterprise Scotland**
Social Enterprise Scotland unites social enterprises and their supporters into a strong campaigning force. www.socialenterprisescotland.org.uk
- 46 **Social Firms Scotland**
Social Firms Scotland is the national support agency supporting Work Integration Social Enterprises. www.socialfirms.org.uk
- 47 **Social Investment Scotland**
Social Investment Scotland offer social loan finance, providing flexible funding and growth support. www.socialinvestmentscotland.com
- 48 **Start It** (Firstport)
Funding up to £5000 for individuals with a business idea which addresses a social or environmental issue. www.firstport.org.uk/funding/item/285-start-it
- 49 **Supplier Development Programme**
The Supplier Development Programme offers training, support and information to help SME or 3rd sector organisation win contracts. www.sdpscotland.co.uk
- 50 **Third Sector Interface**
Each local authority has a TSI providing support to the third sector including social enterprises.
- 51 **Voluntary Code for Social Enterprise (VCSE)**
The SE Code sets out benchmark criteria by which social enterprises in Scotland can be identified and recognise each. www.vcsereview.org.uk

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MORE INFORMATION

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Support map for Social Enterprises

Featured organisations within the map are not necessarily ranked in any order of importance or significance, but rather because of what they offer and how they relate.

You can enter the support map at multiple points by finding the statements that are relevant to you.

SUPPORT KEY:

- Development
- Finance
- Learning
- Networking
- Policy & Info
- ★ Common Entry Points

