

CITY REGION DEAL
Edinburgh & South East Scotland

Social Business Directory

to allow suppliers to link with **social enterprises** within the ESES City Region Deal area



Version 2: March 2025

Introduction

The Edinburgh & South East Scotland City Region Deal (ESES CRD) is a Scottish and UK Government investment programme aimed at accelerating growth, creating new economic opportunities and creating meaningful new jobs to help reduce inequalities.

To further the impact of the spend of the ESES CRD projects, we have created this directory to help encourage opportunities within the deal supply chains.

Our mission is simple: to showcase social enterprises/local organisations with an excellent social ethos from all local authority areas across our 'City Deal' region to encourage contractors to be more creative and forthcoming with presenting opportunities.

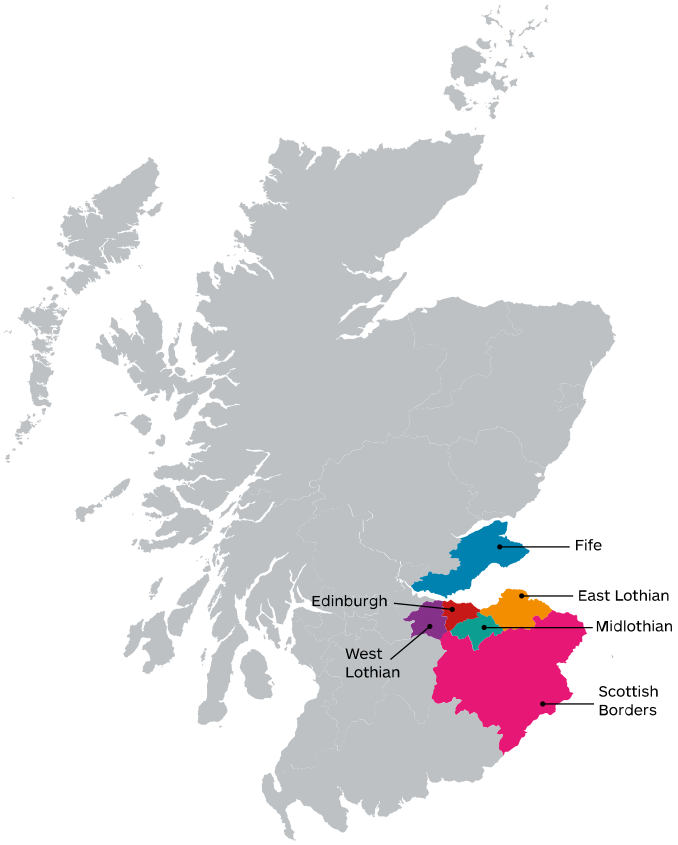
Aims:

- Drive forward the Community Wealth Building ethos and ensure spending stays in the local area by linking contractors with social enterprises and socially minded organisations
- Make contractors aware of the organisations and services available in our region, particularly if the contractor is from outside the area
- Develop more resilient supply chains within the ESES CRD by encouraging more opportunities for local social enterprises to work with deal contractors

If you would like to find out more about Community Wealth Building visit **https://cwb.esescommunities.org/**

We will aim to keep this directory current by refreshing twice a year, so if you would like your business to be included in the next edition

contact: info@esescommunities.org



What is a social enterprise?

Social enterprise is an ethical and sustainable way of doing business that has a positive impact and benefit on society.

Social enterprises reinvest their profits into their social or environmental aims and some may also achieve their aims by the way in which they run their business, such as training and employment opportunities.

In Scotland, a business is recognised as a social enterprise when it complies with the Code, this means that 100% of profits are reinvested into the business or go to a community in need.





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Enabling Change

When buying from a social enterprise you are supporting local businesses and the communities they represent. Social enterprises are driven by a passion to improve the world we live in. Whether an individual's cause is rooted in their community, focused on removing barriers to employment or seeking to tackle key environmental issues, collectively this determination to shape and change life and the economy is as inspirational as it is powerful. Social enterprise not only delivers inclusive economic growth, it engenders a successful, vibrant democracy.

Scotland's social enterprise sector is part of a global effort towards social change, one that recognises the need for a radically better way of organising the economy for the benefit of all.

The Good Stuff Community Edinburgh

Operated by Edinburgh Social Enterprise Network, The Good Stuff Community is a meeting place for social enterprises, 'socially enterprising' businesses and anchor institutions such as universities, the NHS and the council who have come together to do good things in Edinburgh.

This is the place to access all things social enterprise across the city and to connect through the online marketplace, in-person networking events or via matchmaking from the expert team. The Good Stuff Community helps make Community Wealth Building happen.

> ***"The best way to build the capacity of social enterprises is through trading with them and creating new market opportunities. As social enterprises provide much needed support to local communities, by trading with them you are also helping support those most in need across the city.***
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> ***By joining The Good Stuff Community you can 'do good stuff' and help make Edinburgh better for everyone."***

Emma Galloway
Edinburgh Social Enterprise Network Chair

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Social enterprises can be impactful partners, leading to sustainable social impact. The model offers positive effects at every level for staff, customers, clients and the local community. With social objectives at the core of operations, investing in their services contributes directly to their reach. Supporting the local economy is also important during the cost-of-living crisis, helping local initiatives to keep delivering. Social enterprises are often more open to working with people from different backgrounds, creating more accessible opportunities and welcoming spaces for individuals to develop and gain community.

For us at Move On Wood Recycling our three circular services have an environmental focus, reaping sustainable, social benefits in the process. Our waste wood collections are an environmental alternative to skip hire for construction sites, businesses, productions and domestic properties, with wood being reused for our bespoke furniture making service and reclaimed timber shop. Not only is this contributing to the circular economy, we are making it accessible for homes and across several industries. In turn this also creates jobs for staff, volunteering for local people and employability training for young people in our workshop, gaining experience and skills to aid them into the construction industry.

Craig Meldrum
Operational Manager



MOVE ON
WOOD RECYCLING

Social Enterprise Scotland



When we launched the first version of the directory we were keen to provide a useful resource for contractors and suppliers to enable a quicker route to access socially focused businesses in the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region area.

This model has now been picked up and developed by Social Enterprise Scotland to create a Scottish directory.

Social Enterprise Scotland is the national body for social enterprises in Scotland, empowering social enterprises to thrive and do what they do best: business that puts people and planet first. Social Enterprise Scotland actively raises the profile of social enterprises, advocating to key policymakers, stakeholders and the media to highlight their vital contribution to a more prosperous and fairer Scotland.

The new national Social Enterprise Scotland Supplier Catalogue will be released shortly, and Social Enterprise Scotland believe it presents a fantastic opportunity to showcase the incredible B2B products and services offered by social enterprises to key players and Scotland's Buy Social adopters in construction and other sectors of Scotland's economy.



Chris Martin, CEO, Social Enterprise Scotland said:

"Community Benefits are a vital tool in creating a fairer, more inclusive economy. By connecting businesses with local social enterprises and community groups, the ESES Communities Team are helping to ensure that the ESES City Region Deal delivers meaningful impact where it's needed most.

Version 2 of this directory enhances this by making it even easier for organisations to access and offer support, strengthening regional collaboration. At Social Enterprise Scotland, we champion the role of social enterprises in driving positive change, and we encourage all organisations to embrace Community Benefits as a key part of their operations.

Together, we can build stronger, more resilient communities for everyone."

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- Branded Merchandise
- Building
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- Commercial Signage/Engraving
- Copywriting & Copy Editing
- Corporate Activities
- Display Systems
- Document Management
- Environmental Regeneration
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- Food Distribution
- Furniture Collection and Re-use
- Gifts
- Graphic Design
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- Human Communication
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Art and Spirituality CIC

Category: Venue Hire, Events Space, Mental Health Therapies and Classes

Who: Art and Spirituality CIC

Where: South West Edinburgh based but serving all of Scotland

What: We are a creative and wellness community centre with a beautiful studio, cosy therapy room and cafe near Haymarket Station and 5 minutes from Saughton Park. We offer activities such as art workshops, exhibitions, therapies, yoga, meditation, sound baths, reiki, coaching, stress management, breathwork and more. Our spaces are also available to be hired for rehearsals and meetings. Our large studio can accommodate up to 25 yoga mats/ 30 chairs. There is free on street parking.

Why: We are a small social enterprise led by an ethnic minority but open to all; we are here to offer healing, inspiration, self-expression and nourishment. Our mission is to improve people's mental, emotional and physical health, increase social connections, promote local artists and provide support in a non-judgmental environment. We encourage people's inner journey to understand who they are and how to heal themselves and others.

Previous clients include: Edinburgh Napier University, Thrive Edinburgh, Health All Round, The Welcoming, Four Square, Gorgie Collective, Capitol Students Westfield, Beltane Earthpoint, University of Salford and many private clients.

How: info@artandspirituality.co.uk

Beechbrae Woodland Centre

Category: Events Space, Venue Hire, Corporate Activities, Mental health

Who: Beechbrae

Where: Countryside in West Lothian on train line between Edinburgh & Glasgow

What: We are a multifunctional purpose built indoor- outdoor venue for hire. There is a large hall with several breakout rooms, ideal for training or team development in a beautiful space surrounded by nature, trees and footpaths through the woods and ponds. There are smaller rooms which can be used for therapies during the week that lend themselves to both talking therapies as well as body based work. This space is flexible in its use and easily accessible via the train line (Blackridge Station is 1 mile walk) or via the M8. The Beechbrae team also lead bushcraft/outdoor team development days.

Why: Beechbrae was born out of a dream to live more sustainably and tread lightly on the resources we have. We are a woodland based social enterprise and charity that supports people through nature connection. Beechbrae holds an orchard, garden, mixed woodland with walking paths, wild pond & wetland haven, labyrinth, fire circle, pizza oven and Woodland Centre. Through the week we run nature connection programmes for young people (Woodland Wellbeing) and adults (Branching Out & Wellbeing Conservation).

Previous clients include: Community Enterprise, Nature Scot, Scottish Forestry, DTAS, Grass Roots Remedies Co-op, Soil Association Scotland, The School for Social Entrepreneurs, Pride Outside, Museums Galleries Scotland, RSPB, SRUC, Lululemon, British Red Cross, First Aid Training Cooperative and University of Stirling.

How: hire@beechbrae.com

Charteris Centre

Category: Event Space, Venue Hire, Office Space

Who: Charteris Centre

Where: Southside but serving Edinburgh and the rest of the world

What: Two halls, two meeting rooms, 13 offices and coworking space, which provide a base and support for social enterprises, charities, community groups and local businesses gathering around interests and issues that include equality, diversity, mental and physical health, faith, culture and the arts, education, local community interests and more.

We have spaces to suit events of all shapes and sizes, from small group training days to conferences of up to 120 delegates and private parties, concerts and ceilidhs. Our Social Enterprise Hub offers 20 desks with flexible rental options just 15 minutes' walk from Waverley Station.

Why: Part of the mission outreach of Greyfriars Kirk, the Greyfriars Charteris Centre is a place for community, connection and wellbeing. We seek to provide a warm welcome, serve people of all cultures, faiths and self-expression, and support initiatives promoting the care and wellbeing of individuals, communities and the environment.

Previous clients include: Just the Tonic, Scottish Love in Action, Edinburgh Social Enterprise, Edinburgh Street Pastors, and the University of Edinburgh.

How: info@charteriscentre.com

CLEAR

Category: Environmental Regeneration, Recycling and Public Engagement

Who: CLEAR

Where: Buckhaven and Methil

What: CLEAR stands for Community-Led Environmental Action for Regeneration. We work to improve the environment in Buckhaven and Methil to make positive difference for people, place and the planet. Our work has many strands including planting over 3500 native trees every year, creating community orchards and wildflower meadows, planting 100,000 spring bulbs a year, running a bike and wood workshop alongside two productive community gardens with our own range of homegrown produce including pressed apple juice, jams and chutneys. We have a great team of local volunteers who help us with our ambitious programme of work. We also work with schools, Princes Trust, Employability squads and run an Environmental skills course for young people.

Why: We are a hands-on, practical charity providing an opportunity for local people who are often left behind due to mental health issues, learning difficulties or challenges in their lives. We find our volunteers thrive as part of an inclusive team, learning new skills, building confidence, improving mental and physical health and wellbeing and enjoy the meaningful work they do. Supporting our work gives us the opportunity to help more local people and continue to make a positive difference in a neglected community. There is opportunity for a wide range of inputs from horticultural materials, timber supplies and bikes.

How: Please contact projects@clearfife.org

Coin-Operated Press CIC

Category: Zine-Making, Creative Workshop Facilitation, Arts, Publishing

Who: Coin-Operated Press CIC

Where: Mainly Edinburgh, but happy to travel across Scotland

What: We are an artist-led social enterprise. We collaborate with organisations and can make a collaborative zine with you, develop your project into a zine commission, put on a zine fair in your venue, host a zine-making party for you, run a team-building zine-making workshop, curate an exhibition with you, publish your zines, or any other wonderful idea you have!

NOTE: A zine is a booklet-style artwork that you make yourself.

Why: We value intersectional feminist culture, and we work frequently with the LGBTQ + community and those with chronic illnesses, neurodiversity, and disabilities. Zine culture is all about diversity, and we welcome people of all genders, sexualities, ages, races, abilities, and backgrounds to get involved. We strive to be as sustainable and environmentally friendly as possible in our practice and events. We believe everybody is an artist, and all our participants need are the right tools and a little encouragement to have their voices heard.

Previous clients include: The National Library of Scotland, The University of Dundee, Fife Council, The University of Edinburgh, and many more.

How: coinoperatedpress@gmail.com

Communication Inclusion People

Category: Human Communication Inside and Outside your Business / Public Engagement

Who: Communication Inclusion People

Where: East Lothian, Edinburgh, Fife, Midlothian, Scottish Borders, and West Lothian

What: We help organisations check, plan, and develop their inclusive communication good practices so that they can reach more people from more diverse communities, work better for more people, apply equality and human rights laws better, get ready for a future Public Sector Equality Duty on inclusive communication, save time and the costs of communication breakdown and be kinder, fairer, and more person-centred.

Why: We help you develop the assets you need to engage everyone in a community - whichever way people prefer or need to communicate. We help you to develop inclusive communication good practice across all channels - online, on paper, in person and on the phone. Our experienced team are all experts in human communication. We have 5 speech and language therapists with in-depth knowledge of how people communicate, how to improve it and what to do if it breaks down, and we have 12 co-producers who communicate in diverse ways. They know what organisations can do to reach more diverse communities.

Previous clients include: Public Health Scotland / Our Place; Social Research Association; Planning Aid Scotland; Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership; NHS Education Scotland; Scottish Government, Social Enterprise Scotland, Edinburgh Social Enterprise Network.

How: info@communicationinclusionpeople.com

Duncan Place Community Hub

Category: Meeting Rooms / Event Space

Who: Duncan Place Community Hub

Where: Leith, Edinburgh

What: We provide affordable office space for several charities. We also have two fantastic and fully accessible rooms available on an hourly basis for meetings, training, classes, groupwork & events. The rooms are named Wee Duncan and Big Duncan and are maintained to an excellent standard with lots of natural light, air source heating, air conditioning, black out blinds, projector screen, whiteboards, urns, tables, and chairs. The fully accessible rooms are on the ground floor, and the building has ramp access. An accessible loo is also available on the ground floor. See the website for full room details.

Why: Duncan Place Community Hub is a registered charity with a sustainable business model that provides a high-quality, affordable venue and a warm welcome. The funds we raise are used to provide free and low cost community activities that increase wellbeing and reduce social isolation.

Previous clients include: the Scottish Malt Whisky Society, the City of Edinburgh Council, the University of Edinburgh, The Royal Literary Fund, Turning Point Scotland and many more!

How: info@duncanplace.org

Eat, Sleep, Ride

Category: Community organisation specialising in corporate events, leadership, training, therapy, mindfulness, and event space.

Who: Eat, Sleep, Ride, SCIO

Where: Edinburgh & the Lothians, Scotland (We serve all of Scotland and offer hybrid training models, as well as onsite events in the Scottish Borders)

What: Eat Sleep Ride is a community hub situated on a solar-powered farm along the southern coastline of the Scottish Borders. Our mission is to harness the healing power of nature and the intuitive wisdom of our 17-horse herd.

We offer therapeutic, educational, and professional development via half or full-day onsite experiences, including team building, leadership training, therapy & corporate events. Our facilities include a mindfulness garden, two yurts, an outdoor space with a tiny off-grid house, and a dedicated event area. We use various methods such as CBT, NLP, and herd dynamics to guide individuals through uncertainty, helping them learn to set clear direction, recognise energy shifts, and foster team dynamics with shared leadership and “roles, not ranks.” Our equine-inspired leadership program is designed to cultivate confidence, authenticity, and adaptability in leaders.

Why: Eat Sleep Ride is dedicated to building strong communities by providing a sanctuary where experiential learning empowers individuals and fosters resilience. To continue offering these valuable services, we rely on commercial revenue streams. By choosing our programs, you ensure Eat Sleep Ride remains a beacon of positive change and sustainable living.

Previous clients include: Duracell, Google, and Merrick

How: info@eatsrosyth.org.uk

EATS Rosyth

Category: Social Enterprise Café with Community Hub, Garden, Orchard

Who: EATS Rosyth
(Rosyth Community Projects Ltd)

Where: Rosyth, Fife – but we welcome all from surrounding villages

What: We operate a Social Enterprise Café open Monday to Friday (9am to 2pm) serving home cooked meals and snacks run by a small team of staff and a large group of fabulous volunteers, alongside we can offer rooms to hire for community groups and businesses to use – we run a Parkinsons Café, Dementia Friendly Meeting Groups, Chair Yoga and more over the week. Together with a Community Orchard and Garden where people can volunteer to help develop produce for locals and the café

Why: We offer good value food and drinks to the local community, and offer a safe space for people needing company to come along and chat, feel safe and happy. And they are welcome to join in the activities we run.

Each Thursday and Friday we run Community Meals for everyone to enjoy, 2 courses for £3 – all home cooked, Thursday with Bingo as well!

How: eatsrosyth.org.uk

Edinburgh Community Food

Category: Food Sales and Distribution; Nutrition and Health Training

Who: Edinburgh Community Food

Where: City of Edinburgh

What: We are a social enterprise selling best quality food produce. We source locally where possible supporting local growers and producers. We sell and distribute fruit and vegetable boxes and baskets to homes and offices across the city. We also have a range of delicious DIY Take & Make kits containing pre-measured ingredients along with easy-to-follow nutritionist-developed recipe cards. Edinburgh Community food is also an accredited REHIS training provider, offering a range of nutrition and food hygiene courses.

All purchases support community work and initiatives to reduce health inequalities across Edinburgh.

Why: We're unique in Edinburgh because as well as offering quality, fresh produce and training, every purchase is reinvested for the benefit of the community. We also have an in-house team of Associate Nutritionists available for food and nutrition advice and queries to our clients. We're the healthiest way to help people in Edinburgh.

Previous clients include: the City of Edinburgh Council, the Scottish Government, NHS Lothian, and many more.

How: kmiller@edinburghcommunityfood.org.uk

The Edinburgh Collective C.I.C.

Category: Creative Agency

Who: The Edinburgh Collective C.I.C.

Where: Edinburgh and the Lothians

What: As a creative agency, our services include private event planning and management, artist curation, strategic consulting, branding services, social media services, project management, content creation, mural and art commissions, and merchandise creation.

The Edinburgh Collective is dedicated to supporting our local creative scene and its artists. We organise fun, artistic, and inspiring events around Edinburgh that create opportunities for performance and a space for the creative community to meet.

Why: Working with us hits two birds with one stone: we provide a professional service, curating local artists and musicians for the service you need, using the profit this generates to extend our impact via our events and community projects. We hand-pick our portfolio of local creatives, considering not just their skills as a musician, band, or artist but also how professional their conduct, communication, and commitment is.

Previous clients include: The Scottish Parliament, Johnnie Walker Princes Street, Fountainbridge Canalside Community Trust, Edinburgh University Student's Association and many more.

How: theedinburghcollective@gmail.com

Edinburgh Open Workshop

Category: Fabrication & Build Space, Events Space, Venue Hire and Corporate Activities

Who: Edinburgh Open Workshop

Where: Edinburgh, and the whole of Scotland

What: Edinburgh Open Workshop is an open-access maker space offering a fully equipped workshop for people at all skill levels of wood, metal, paint, and textiles. Made is our commission-based design and fabrication service. We can assist with any element of your project's design and build, from material preparation to digital cutting services and full custom commissions. We can streamline your project completion, saving you time and hassle.

We also have a private rehearsal, Classroom, Event, and gallery space on the first floor. It's 9m x 18m and flooded with natural light. The hire includes a private meeting/breakout room and access to a shared kitchen and toilet.

Why: The Made service is a cost-effective way for customers to outsource part or all their fabrication needs. Commissions are undertaken collaboratively between staff and the professional maker member body. We work with other like-minded local businesses to ensure that waste material is disposed of in an environmentally responsible way. Revenue generated from Made supports our educational and scholarship strands. Our scholarship initiative ensures that financial constraints are not an obstacle to learning.

How: hello@edinburghopenworkshop.co.uk

Edinburgh Printmakers

Edinburgh Printmakers

Category: Events Space, Venue Hire, Public Engagement, Catering, Team Building Activities and Opportunities to Engage and Support the Arts (includes commissioning artwork, purchasing artwork, sponsoring an exhibition, event or other activity, supporting fundraising activities)

Who: edinburghprintmakers.co.uk

Where: Based in Fountainbridge in Edinburgh but with audiences locally, nationally and internationally



What: Edinburgh Printmakers is a creative centre for printmaking and the visual arts. Our multi-faceted space has a large, light-filled printmaking studio, two galleries, a shop stocked with original prints and handmade gifts, versatile venue spaces, a welcoming café, and a community garden. Conveniently located just a 10-minute stroll from Haymarket station or 15 minutes from Princes Street, we offer versatile spaces for corporate hires, networking events, conferences, workshops, talks, receptions, and private celebrations.

Why: Collaborating with Edinburgh Printmakers also means embracing the visual arts and their impact on individuals and communities. We offer team-building printmaking workshops, opportunities to commission artwork with our Studio Team, and the chance to support our community engagement initiatives by sponsoring exhibitions or events. Our core vision is to uphold an open-access ethos, inviting everyone to get involved and enjoy our inspiring environment and create a better world through printmaking and the arts.

Previous clients include: Edinburgh Festivals, Skyscanner, the University of Edinburgh and the Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce. Notable past sponsors include the Consul General of India in Edinburgh, Vastint and StayCity Aparthotels.

How: info@edinburghprintmakers.co.uk

EDINBURGH REMAKERY

Edinburgh Remakery

Category: Reuse, Refurbishment and Responsible Recycling of Tech and IT Peripherals, Public/Community Engagement Talks & Workshops for Repair and Reuse (Tech and Textiles)

Who: Edinburgh Remakery

Where: All of Scotland



What: Edinburgh Remakery is a social enterprise and charity based in Edinburgh. We aim to reduce waste by providing repair and reuse services and training to communities and businesses. We are experts in tech disposal, repair, and reuse services, and keeping electronic components out of landfills and in use for longer. Our ISO27001 accreditation ensures that data is securely managed and protected every step of the way. We have a thriving tech repair and refurbishment department that specialises in dealing with electronic waste. We offer a friendly, professional, ethical, and cost-effective service.

Why: To reduce digital poverty, we gift 20% of tech refurbished through your contract to a community/charity of your choice. With a well-established online shop and through our eBay Shop, we sell refurbished tech at affordable prices so people can access technology. We provide Volunteering Opportunities, introducing people to the skills required to embrace and promote a circular economy. We can provide a Tech Donation Box to be placed in a community location: people can donate their personal end-of-life tech. This diverts it from landfills and causes behaviour change around environmental sustainability while providing us with more Tech gifting opportunities for those facing digital poverty.

Clients include: Baillie Gifford, University of Edinburgh, Scottish Government, Softcat, People's Postcode Lottery and Edinburgh International Conference Centre.

How: hello@edinburghremakery.org.uk

Fisherrow Centre

Category: Venue Hire

Who: Fisherrow Centre

Where: Musselburgh, East Lothian

What: Affordable room rental in a safe, accessible and central space. The rooms range in capacity from 3 to 120, and there is a choice of an annexe lounge with a kitchen, a gym hall, a dance studio, a conference room, meeting rooms and a counselling room.

Why: The Fisherrow Trust is a Registered Scottish Charity. The Fisherrow Centre is a treasured community resource in the heart of Musselburgh. We aim to enrich the lives of the people in our community and to help them grow and flourish.

How: admin@fisherrowtrust.com

Forge and Equip CIC

Category: Training, Building, Recycling (fabrication and employability)

Who: Forge and Equip CIC

Where: Based in East Lothian but serving all of Lothian, Central Belt, Fife and the Borders

What: We specialise in bespoke, sustainable fabrications, and supportive training opportunities. It is our passion to support the circular economy and maintain competitive prices.

We also lead workshops for children and tailored short-term/ one-off introduction programmes for adults.

Why: Our customers value our personal approach where we work with them to meet their needs to achieve fabrications and installations which are not 'off-the-shelf'; the revenue from which is used to cover the costs of training people who are far from the labour market for a variety of reasons. Our trainees value the opportunity to try different skills (welding, woodwork, paint, design), make an impact on real projects and establish a route to employment with qualifications. With over 40 years' experience working with people on the margins of society, we genuinely care for our trainees and reliable customer service is a direct consequence of our overall values.

Previous clients include: Forth Resource Management, East Lothian Play Association, The Fraser Centre.

How: info@forgeandequip.co.uk

The Frangipane Bakery

Category: Bakery Social Enterprise

Who: The Frangipane Bakery

Where: Scottish Borders, Northumberland and the Lothians

What: Based in the Scottish Borders The Frangipane Bakery is on a mission to spread joy through baking gluten-free products and to support people facing barriers to employment into meaningful work.

Why: We have two core beliefs here at the bakery.

People who require a gluten-free diet should be able to experience the same joy from food as everyone else.

Everyone deserves the dignity of a meaningful and worthwhile job regardless of their circumstances or background.

As a social enterprise the profits we generate from our baking go back into the community to support our social impact work. We make a variety of delicious artisan baked goods, which can be supplied on a regular wholesale basis or for one-off events.

Previous clients include: South of Scotland Enterprise, Berwickshire Housing Association, Elevator UK, Apples for Jam and Bamburgh Castle Golf Club.

How: frangipanebakes@gmail.com

The Fraser Centre

Category: Venue Hire/Event Space/ Catering

Who: The Fraser Centre

Where: Tranent, East Lothian

What: The Fraser Centre is a modern facility perfect for conference events. The building has an overall capacity of 200 people, an in-house catering team, and a choice of rooms, including our 116c and 50c cinema rooms. Different room sizes are available for meetings, workshops, public events, presentations, films, etc.

Why: The Fraser Centre Community Trust is a registered Scottish charity formed in 2011 by Jonny Russell, supported by his family and friends, to refurbish the old Winton Picture House. The trust's vision is to provide a learning, development, arts and entertainment centre at the heart of the community.

How: info@thefrasercentre.com

Gorebridge Community Development Trust

Category: Venue Hire, Event Space

Who: Gorebridge Community Development Trust

Where: Gorebridge, Midlothian

What: The Beacon is a project of the Gorebridge Community Development Trust. We offer a variety of venue hire options.

The Beacon Hall is a light, airy, multi-functional space; each section of the room can sit comfortably up to 30 people in classroom style or 100 people if the whole space is used.

Creative Spaces: has a self-contained kitchen and is suitable for all art, craft, maker classes and workshops.

Whole Beacon Hire is available for hire over the weekends and specific evenings, can hold up to 300 people and offers delicious café openings for significant events such as conferences and public consultations.

Why: Our Mission is to help the community feel empowered to improve their lives and to manage projects and initiatives that will bring more economic growth and increased volunteering and employment opportunities to Gorebridge.

How: office@gorebridge.org.uk

The Glencorse Community Centre

Category: Venue hire and corporate volunteering days, Corporate activities & Event Space

Who: The Glencorse Community Centre

Where: Midlothian/South Edinburgh

What: We're a small, charity-run community centre in Auchendinny. Our overarching aim is to help to build, encourage and sustain lasting connections within our community and beyond. We're here for everyone, no matter what you do, how old you are, where you're from, or who you love, there's something for you at the Glencorse Centre.

Our community hub has space for hire including an office/ meeting room, multi-purpose rooms, large main hall and café area with modern kitchen facilities. We have a full-sized grass football pitch and multi-use games area suitable for team building events and a pétanque piste. We also have a large community garden on site, perfect for company volunteering days!

Why: Community Impact: The Glencorse Centre is deeply embedded in the local community, and corporate events or volunteering efforts would directly benefit diverse user groups, including families, unemployed individuals, and people facing mental health challenges. The Centre offers versatile spaces that can accommodate a variety of corporate needs, from meetings and team-building activities to larger events. This flexibility makes it ideal for hosting everything from corporate training sessions to charity events.

Previous clients include: CAMHS, Penicuik Medical Practice, SWI, Glencorse Barracks.

How: enquiries@glencorseassociation.org.uk

GRACE CHOCOLATES
CHANGING LIVES

Positive Changes CIC, Makers of Grace Chocolates

Category: Gifts

Who: Positive Changes CIC, Makers of Grace Chocolates

Where: Stirling/ Central Scotland and beyond

What: We create and sell artisan chocolates. Our organisation supports women who have experienced the justice system and are looking to make positive changes in their lives. We offer a combination of employability training, skills development, and health and well-being support to help them rebuild their confidence and resilience. Some of the women we work with gain hands-on experience in our kitchen, crafting artisan chocolates and preparing products for sale. This equips them with valuable skills and a sense of accomplishment.

Why: We believe that every woman deserves the chance to turn her life around, regardless of her past. By building resilience, confidence, and employability skills, we help women access new opportunities for personal growth and independence. Through our chocolate sales, where 100% of profits are reinvested back into the business, we provide sustainable, long-term support for women.

Previous clients include: PWC, Holyrood Events, Saxton Bampfylde, Arnold Clark, Rosslyn Chapel, The Real Food Cafe, The Law Society, Lind & Lime.

How: hello@gracechocolates.co.uk

graphics.coop

Graphics Co-op Ltd

Category: Graphic Design, Printing, Display System

Who: Graphics Co-op Ltd

Where: Scotland & UK-wide

What: We provide a graphic design service to a wide variety of organisations, large and small. We can handle the printing, too, making us a one-stop shop.

Why: We're experts at publication design with over 30 years of experience. Our clients are mostly voluntary organisations, public sector bodies and educational institutions. We can design and produce your printed and display materials economically, quickly, and with minimal fuss.

See our website **www.graphics.coop** for some examples of our work.

Previous clients include: Energy Saving Trust, the British Red Cross, The Poverty Alliance, the University of Edinburgh, and Victim Support Scotland.

How: info@graphics.coop

Grassmarket Community Project & Coffee Saints

Category: Catering & Hospitality, Woodwork Commissions, Tartan Commissions.

Who: Grassmarket Community Project & Coffee Saints

Where: Edinburgh and the Lothians

What: The Grassmarket Community Project is a grassroots charity that supports some of Edinburgh's most vulnerable and marginalised adults. We try to, as much as possible fund our charity through our social enterprise activities:
A woodwork shop that makes commissioned furniture and small wooden gift items from old church pews, our two cafes - Coffee Saints, we host Events, provide hospitality and outside catering to various different organisations and we have our own Tartan that we make small gift items from as well as doing commissioned work.

Why: We work with people to help them be better versions of themselves and we do this through our number of activities that we provide, which are a mixture of educational, recreational & skill based. Over and above the activities that we provide, we also offer support & advice, sustenance and employment/work experience opportunities. By using our services, you will help us to provide food and nourishment to those suffering from poverty, support and advice to those that are struggling with trauma, employment and training opportunities.

Previous clients include: Grahams Construction, Virgin Hotels, John Lewis, Edinburgh Playhouse, Baillie Gifford and many more.

How: catherine@grassmarket.org

Galashiels
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Hike & Bike Hub, Galashiels

Category: Active Travel / Bike Hire

Who: Hike & Bike Hub, Galashiels

Where: Galashiels and surrounding Scottish Borders

What: We are a social enterprise promoting walking and cycling for health, leisure and active travel. Hike & Bike Hub also aim to promote everyday acceptance of neurodiversity, particularly autism. The services we offer are as follows - Health walks and other guided walks starting and finishing at Hike & Bike Hub; Bike / e-bike hire; Trike / e-trike hire; Bike repairs; Bike servicing; Led cycle rides and cycle skills/ maintenance sessions. Hike & Bike Hub is a "pay what you can" social enterprise, with those who can afford to pay our suggested prices for bike hire, bike servicing and led cycle rides helping to cover those costs for people who cannot.

Prior to us starting, there was no central hub dedicated to walking and cycling in Galashiels and by leasing a premises in the town centre we are contributing to the ongoing regeneration within the town.

Why: Choosing to use our services means that you are helping to support continued delivery of those services to our local community.

How: info@hikebikegalashiels.co.uk

Institute of Occupational Medicine

Category: Health and Safety, Research, Laboratory, Training

Who: The Institute of Occupational Medicine

Where: UK wide with research projects across the globe

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What: IOM is a research not-for-profit. We solve problems around workplace health and hazards. Working with health and safety managers, facilities managers, lawyers, occupational hygienists, and governments we deliver safer working environments. Understanding future threats and supporting clients as the workplace evolves.

Our services include testing hazards in our UKAS-accredited laboratory, training programmes, expert witness services, and authorising engineers. This is complemented by research capabilities which deliver science and insight to guide governments and private organisations.

Lastly, our occupational hygiene and ventilation engineers sample and measure common hazards, including noise, dust, mould, hand-arm vibration, air quality, formaldehyde, thermal exposure, welding fume, metalworking fluid, local exhaust ventilation and animal allergens.

Why: IOM offers impartial expert advice and guidance, which keeps staff safe, companies compliant and employees more productive. IOM is driven to protect and improve health through the workplace. Our research is influencing legislation across the UK and EU. We are striving for Net Zero and are supporting our local communities.

Previous clients include: NHS Trusts, HSE, AECOM, Croft Occupational Hygiene Limited, Imperial College London.

How: info@iom-world.org

Into Work

Category: Training; EDI; Accessibility

Who: Into Work

Where: Edinburgh, Lothians, central Scotland (in-person or online); Scotland-wide (online)

What: Into Work training equips employers and teams to understand the diverse capabilities and skillsets of neurodivergent people, and to build confidence in recruiting, retaining, and promoting neurodivergent staff. In addition to regular 'Autism Works!' and 'Neurodiversity Works!' open courses, we offer bespoke training and support to diverse employers. We deliver training online and in-person.

Why: Co-developed with our Autism Advisory Group and delivered by skilled neurodivergent trainers, our training stands out for having lived experience at its core. Alongside delivering training, our trainers have substantial experience working in different sectors. Typical feedback - "the use of specific examples... is what made this training stand out from simply 'helpful' to very very informative, where I actually have a much deeper understanding of the issues surrounding autism in the workplace and how to best support autistic employees." (Course participant).

Previous clients include: Scottish Government, NHS Lothian, Local Authorities, Intercontinental, FreeAgent and many more.

How: training@intowork.org.uk

Just Transitions Scotland

Just Transitions Scotland C.I.C

Category: Training, Public Engagement & Business Support

Who: Just Transitions Scotland C.I.C

Where: Scotland (and possibly wider UK reach depending on projects)



What: Just Transitions Scotland CIC is dedicated to supporting the communities, businesses, and individuals of Scotland as they navigate the shift to a net-zero economy. We provide consultancy, training, and facilitation services that prioritise fairness and inclusivity. Our projects focus on ensuring that no one is left behind in the transition to a sustainable future, with a particular emphasis on supporting workers and communities affected by the green transition.

Why: With a deep understanding of Scotland's climate goals, Just Transitions Scotland CIC ensures that the economic, social, and environmental impacts of climate action are carefully managed. By focusing on education, upskilling, and inclusive decision-making, we offer bespoke solutions that align with Scotland's Just Transition framework.

Our team works directly with local communities, industries, and public sector organisations to implement impactful, fair, and sustainable policies and projects.

How: hello@just-transitions.com

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little living room

Little Living Room

Category: Marketing, Graphic Design, Branding, Website Design, Business Support, 1:1 Consulting, Copywriting, Copy Editing

Who: little living room

Where: Based in Fife and Edinburgh (operating across Scotland)



What: Marketing, graphic design, branding, website design, business support, 1:1 consulting, copywriting, copy editing.

Why: little living room is a women and queer-led social enterprise founded in 2020 by artist Rebecca Gallacher. We are dedicated to supporting career growth by creating skills development opportunities for those facing obstacles in pursuing creative careers. We support independent artists and creatives through our series of panels, networking events, and bi-annual publications.

We also offer affordable help to sole traders and conscious businesses - developing eye-catching designs, creating bespoke packages to suit your needs and helping you to communicate with customers and clients to achieve your goals. Whether it is branding, graphic design, copywriting or editing, we can help. You can't do everything, sometimes you need someone to offer a hand. Our team offers bespoke design and business support to conscious businesses at affordable rates.

We will have a chat and tailor what we offer you based on your business needs!

How: becca@littlelivingroom.co.uk

McSence

Category: Training

Who: McSence

Where: Scottish Borders, Edinburgh and the Lothians but also Scotland wide

What: We are a social enterprising group of businesses one of which is a training company. We deliver high class and bespoke training across a range of subjects but particularly within health and social care and health and safety.

Why: Training may seem much of a muchness but we pride ourselves on being competitively priced whilst delivering excellent value. All our trainers have considerable experience within the health and social care and third sectors which we bring to our training, ensuring it is relevant and meets the brief. We can work with you to develop training specific to your requirements, or you may find our "oven-ready" training fits your requirements. Our trainers utilise various methods to deliver and embed the training, and we consistently receive good feedback from our satisfied learners who feel engaged and involved in the sessions.

Previous clients include: the City of Edinburgh Council (we deliver manual handling to all departments from roads to care), West, East and Midlothian Council, Scottish Borders Council (we deliver first aid to all departments) and many more.

How: hayley.arnold@mcsence.co.uk

Media Education

Category: Community Engagement, Filmmaking, Participatory Arts, Research and Service Design

Who: Media Education

Where: UK-wide but predominantly, Scotland

What: We work with individuals, communities and organisations using storytelling and filmmaking to explore the issues that affect people's daily lives. Together, we produce films and stories presenting people's experiences. We then target these messages to audiences who can influence changes in policy or service. The films are also shown at community screenings alongside facilitated discussions. This might be to increase understanding between specific groups in a community or encourage collaboration between all stakeholders to find possible solutions to a problem or issue.

Why: We help organisations engage with communities on different aspects of their work within the area. We are a cooperative, non-hierarchical organisation with equal pay and decision making across our team. This structure is deliberate to mirror the way we want to work with our partners and people on our projects. We believe that all experience should be valued and if we pool this together, we can achieve surprising results.

Previous clients include: NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, Historic Environment Scotland, Scottish Prison Service, Carers Trust, National Galleries of Scotland, National Museum Scotland and many more.

How: kate@mediaeducation.co.uk

The Melting Pot

Category: Coworking Space, Venue Hire, Accelerator, Social Impact and Innovation Consultant

Who: The Melting Pot

Where: Based in Edinburgh, covering all of Scotland

What: The Melting Pot is Scotland's Centre for Social Innovation. Since 2007 we have been stimulating social innovation by supporting founders, entrepreneurs and people with good ideas through space, networks and problem solving.

Why:

- **SPACE:** The Melting Pot has a central and versatile coworking space which provides users with a place to create, discuss ideas and achieve their goals.
- **EVENTS:** Our membership community and Bridging Communities event series is diverse and provides opportunity for collaboration across Scotland.
- **CREATE:** Our Good Ideas incubator supports founders of charities, campaigns and social businesses with creating strong foundations for their enterprise.
- **PROBLEM SOLVE:** Our sector agnostic consultancy provides problem solving for people, place and productivity. 10% of the profits from our consultancy work are reinvested into stimulating social innovation achieved by grassroots organisations across Scotland.

How: info@themeltingpotedinburgh.org.uk

MHScot Workplace Wellbeing CIC

Category: Mental Health Training and Education

Who: MHScot Workplace Wellbeing CIC

Where: We cover the whole of Scotland and the rest of the UK

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What: Our mission is to transform workplaces into havens of compassion and care. We empower organisations by developing cultures that prioritise mental health and wellbeing. Through our comprehensive online education, training, and awareness programs, we equip employees with essential skills and knowledge, enabling them to foster a supportive environment that champions mental health and wellbeing at every level.

Why: We don't just provide education; we partner with organisations to weave empathy and understanding into the fabric of workplace environments. We excel in creating a learning experience that resonates with specific workplace dynamics. With a proven track record of enhancing workplace wellbeing, our innovative online programs are not just educational but transformational. By choosing us, you're not just investing in services, you are investing in a sustainable, compassionate future for your company, where mental health and wellbeing are at the forefront of your success.

Previous clients include: Phoenix Group, The University of Edinburgh, CALA Homes, Whyte & Mackay Ltd, West Dunbartonshire Council and many more.

How: hello@mentalhealthscot.land

Move On Wood Recycling

Category: Recycling, Re-use Organisation

Who: Move On Wood Recycling

Where: Edinburgh and the Lothians

What: Move On Wood Recycling (MOWR) collects waste wood, which would otherwise end up in landfill, to be sold as quality timber and upcycled wooden products. We offer an alternative waste wood collection service across Edinburgh and the Lothians, collecting from small businesses and residential properties, right up to large construction sites on behalf of national and multinational building companies.

Why: Our model is cost effective for customers and offers local businesses the opportunity to dispose of their wood waste in an environmentally responsible manner, maximising recycling and re-use opportunities. We help reduce the use of virgin timber (and the energy and pollution associated with processing, importing and distributing it) and reduce C02 emissions. Collecting and preparing the wood for resale also provides meaningful volunteering, work experience and (paid) training opportunities for people with a range of additional needs, particularly disadvantaged young people.

Previous clients include: Robertson Group, BAM, Wates, Tilbury Douglas Construction, Bowmer + Kirkland, National Galleries of Scotland, University of Edinburgh, Assembly Festival and Underbelly Edinburgh.

How: craig@moveon.org.uk

Norton Park SCIO

Category: Meeting Room Hire/Office Accommodation

Who: Norton Park SCIO

Where: Edinburgh/Lothians/Scotland

What: Norton Park Centre comprises shared offices and a modern, fully accessible conference, meeting and event space housed in beautiful historic buildings near the centre of Edinburgh. Our rooms are perfect for large conferences and training events, small meetings and a whole host of innovative uses and functions.

Why: Norton Park provides high quality, affordable office accommodation and workspace for the voluntary sector in Edinburgh. It houses 20 charities and has enabled the sharing of experiences and resources between different charities, helping to foster a synergy of approach and action as well as increase social, environmental and community benefits in the local area.

Our conference centre is owned by a charity Norton Park on a not for profit basis. All income is re-invested back into running the business centre for the benefit of the tenants and community. It is an ideal venue for companies concerned with their social corporate responsibilities.

Previous clients include Cyrenians, Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership, Scottish Government, NHS, Penumbra, Samaritans.

How: reception@nortonpark.org

One Dalkeith

Category: Venue Hire, Events Space

Who: One Dalkeith

Where: Midlothian

What: A large town centre Community & Business Hub with various facilities you can hire, including a pop-up café, a cookery class kitchen, a 130-seater circular theatre with a full-size movie screen, a DIY workshop complete with large and small machinery, a coworking facility with hot desking and dedicated short-term desks, a consultation room, a meeting room with all the tech for online meetings, a larger classroom, and an art room. The Hub also hosts a sewing studio and a photography studio.

Why: One Dalkeith is a Community Development Trust run and owned by the local community. All our profits are invested in the local community for community-led projects and activities.

We can offer in-house catering or open our café for you, serving barista-quality coffees and home baking. The building has an attractive outdoor seating area, a taxi rank just outside the building and nearby free parking. The town centre location is accessible by bus services and a train station at Eskbank.

Previous clients include: TSB Bank, Midlothian Council, Kidney Research UK, and CSY Architects.

How: https://onedalkeith.info/

Recycling First (SCIO)

Category: Furniture Re-Use Charity

Who: Recycling First (SCIO)

Where: Contributions to our East Lothian Warehouse are accepted from anywhere, collections available throughout East Lothian and some areas of Midlothian and the Borders

What: We collect good-quality second-hand furniture to distribute to disadvantaged families

Our Warehouse sells surplus items to generate income, which we then reinvest into the project.

We require all kinds of household furniture: wardrobes, chests of drawers, sofas, beds, coffee tables. We also take electrical goods, including cookers, fridges, freezers, washing machines, driers, heaters, irons, kettles, and toasters.

Why: Don't tip it! Help us encourage Re-Use across the Lothians. Our work helps alleviate poverty, reduce waste, and tackle climate change.

The project has a board of 6 Trustees and employs a Project Manager and a Driver, who are backed up by a great team of volunteers. In addition, volunteering has many benefits, including reducing waste, increasing social interaction, and developing new skills.

How: recyclingfirstel@gmail.com

Scotland's Bravest Manufacturing Company

Category: Commercial signage and engraving

Who: Scotland's Bravest Manufacturing Company

Where: Scotland and rest of UK

What: We offer a wide range of products from the largest and smallest road and rail signs to commercial signage solutions. Our state-of-the-art machinery is capable of producing the highest quality products whilst our team can provide you with comprehensive support throughout the process.

Why: Social Impact! Scotland's Bravest Manufacturing Company is a market leader in the production of signs but does so through the employment of veterans, others with disabilities and the disadvantaged. As a SQA Centre we provide accredited qualifications in the workplace. We also offer volunteering opportunities to those seeking to develop confidence and move back towards employment. In 2023 we received the King's Award for Enterprise: for Promoting Opportunity through "Social Mobility". SBMC is on both Scotland Excel and Scottish Government Frameworks.

Previous clients include: Bear Scotland, Amey Highways, Story, Balfour Beattie, NHS Scotland, Forestry and Land Scotland, Scottish Canals, Scotrail, ScotGov and most local authorities in Scotland.

How: enquiries@scotlandsbravest.org.uk

Scran Academy

Category: Catering

Who: Scran Academy

Where: Edinburgh-wide

What: We can cater for many types of events, from office lunches to large-scale staff wellbeing events, using our famous food truck, the Scran Van.

Why: Scran Academy is a catering social enterprise on a mission to see every young person, regardless of background or barrier, realise their full potential in learning, work and life. Too many young people in our most challenged communities never realise their talents or aspirations due to the effects of social inequality and poverty. Scran Academy exists to change that. Using our unique youth-led catering social enterprise, we provide critical work experience for young people, building confidence and providing them with skills needed to direct their own futures.

Previous clients include: NHS Lothian, Edinburgh University, the Edinburgh International Festival and the Trams to Newhaven Project.

How: hello@scranacademy.com

Social Print & Copy
Scotland's Charity Supplier of Photocopiers and Printers

Social Print & Copy

Category: Printing, Scanning and Document Management Solutions

Who: Social Print & Copy

Where: Based in Edinburgh and Glasgow but serving all of Scotland



What: We provide managed printing solutions with fair, transparent pricing—no long-term contracts for your multifunctional device. As your business evolves, we adapt your devices to fit your needs.

In addition to our printing solutions, we offer a secure scanning bureau service to help businesses digitize their paper documents. Our cloud solutions complement this service, providing easy access to your documents from anywhere at any time, improving efficiency and security. Our in-house print bureau handles everything from business cards to banners, using top-quality materials for professional results.

Our biggest evolution to date is our unique relationship with Technology for Growth Limited, a bespoke business management software platform, that provides simplicity for your daily tasks such as CRM/Workflows and Form creation. Technology for Growth directs a portion of its profits to support our vision. This partnership provides a vital support for our young people, offering future-proofed training in a growing industry.

Why: Social Print and Copy CIC is a Social Enterprise committed to creating job opportunities for young people facing barriers to work. We are Living Wage & Living Hours accredited and part of the Scottish Government's Supported Business DPS.

Previous clients include: Stirling Council, Dumfries and Galloway Council, Fife Housing, and Pennykid Insurance Brokers.

How: www.socialprintandcopy.org

Space Kitchen Café

Space Kitchen

Category: Catering, Mobile Catering

Who: Space Kitchen
(part of Space @ The Broomhouse Hub)

Where: Edinburgh and the Lothians



What: Space Kitchen specialise in a variety of on site and delivered catering services ranging from hearty morning rolls to vibrant seasonal buffet lunches. Our produce is sourced locally where possible, delivered in our electric van and packaged in recyclable and compostable materials. Additionally we have a mobile pizza operation – Outta Space Pizza – serving hand made pizza cooked fresh on site or delivered in bulk.

Why: All profit generated from our social business is reinvested back into providing services to members of our local community. As a Community Hub we provide 22 projects and services ranging from mother and toddler groups to a dementia daycare service. Space Kitchen has an integrated employability pathway, delivering training in catering and hospitality followed by hands on work experience and support in to paid work. Where possible we work with other third sector organisations, such as FareShare or like-minded companies and suppliers to deliver a service that creates as much social good as possible.

Previous clients include: Heriot Watt University, Scottish Government, NHS Lothian, Napier University, Development Trusts Association Scotland, Volunteer Edinburgh, Edinburgh Fringe Society, Bowhouse.

How: finlay.clarkson@spacescot.org

Spark Creations

Category: Stopping Social Isolation – Branded Goods

Who: Spark Creations

Where: Based in West Lothian

What: Spark Creations is a Social Enterprise that aims to stop social isolation and loneliness, while also generating income for our charity Spark.

We prioritise making a positive impact on the local community and provide volunteer opportunities. By reinvesting our profits back into our charity, we blend financial stability with social responsibility. Our dedicated Social Enterprise and trained volunteers can personalise a wide range of goods including t-shirts, hoodies, mugs, water bottles, bags and much more.

Why: To provide volunteer opportunities for the local and wider community which helps people with skill development, social connections, personal growth, positive health benefits, a sense of purpose and finally addresses the community needs. We enrich the lives of the volunteers and the community they serve.

Previous clients include: (optional) Sky Cares, West Lothian Youth Action Project, Growing Together, Open Door, Almond Housing Association, Livingston United, Make Seconds Count, Remax, RR Flowers and Balloons, West Lothian Pride, Flosverse Techsphere.

How: pauline@sparkscot.com

The Mindful Enterprise

Category: Mental Health, Resilience, Mindfulness, Therapy/Counselling

Who: The Mindful Enterprise

Where: Edinburgh (and Central Belt) and Scotland wide (online services)

What: We offer a range of in-person and digital services to improve mental health and increase human potential, and we use our profits to make well-being services more accessible to those in disadvantaged circumstances. We serve individual consumers, communities, workplaces and schools through training courses, seminars, retreats and 1:2:1 therapy/ counselling/coaching. We aim to increase the well-being of 10,000 people in Scotland by 2025 and 30,000 by 2030.

Why: We believe that every human being, regardless of age or background, is of equal value and should have access to information and services to help them thrive and realise their innate potential. By empowering people with the tools to self-manage their wellbeing and how they show up each day, we can reduce strain on public health services, strengthen families and create more vibrant and connected communities and workplaces.

Previous clients include: Lloyds Bank, Heineken, Bauer Media Group, Crown Office & Procurator Fiscal, Microsoft, Audit Scotland, People's Postcode Lottery, Bank of New York Mellon, The University of Edinburgh, Law Society of Scotland, Free Agent, Oil and Gas Authority, Bruce Stevenson Insurance.

How: info@themindfulenterprise.org

The Salisbury Centre

Category: Community Centre, Venue Hire, Event Space, Human Communication

Who: The Salisbury Centre

Where: Based in the South-East of Edinburgh in Newington serving Edinburgh and the rest of the World



What: We're a vibrant Community Centre located in the southeastern part of Edinburgh, founded in 1973. We offer rooms available to hire and a vibrant community program. We have two larger spaces, a library space, two therapy rooms, a Firepit and Garden. Our facilities cater to a diverse range of activities such as training courses, yoga, pilates, meditation, art sessions, meetings, therapy sessions, dinners, concerts, weddings, and more. All users of the Centre have access to a fully-equipped kitchen, complete with tea, coffee, and oat milk. Our community program features events and workshops with free/donation-based or sliding scale pricing, as well as opportunities for volunteering.

Why: The Salisbury Centre was founded on principles of creativity, spirituality, psychological development and believes in promoting inclusive spaces and ecological consciousness and sustainability. The Centre offers a place for community connections, reduced social isolation, nature connection, and space to improve wellbeing. The Centre welcomes people from all cultures, backgrounds, and from all faiths or none, promoting inclusivity and eco-consciousness.

We are LGBT-friendly and Breastfeeding Friendly. We aim to provide a warm and welcoming environment for all individuals.

Previous clients include: the University of Edinburgh, The Climate Festival & Edinburgh Social Enterprise.

How: office@salisburycentre.org

Venturing Out
OUTDOOR ADVENTURES FOR ALL

Venturing Out CIC

Category: Mental Health, Events, Resilience (building resilience of workplace teams and other groups of people, young or old), Team Building, Workplace Wellbeing, Employee Wellbeing

Who: Venturing Out CIC

Where: Edinburgh & the Lothians



What: Venturing Out CIC is an outdoor activities provider offering a wider range of outdoor activities for individuals, groups and workplaces. Our exhilarating, fun and engaging outdoor activities can be the focus of an away day or team building experience with groups taking part in activities such as Paddleboarding, Rock Climbing, Coasteering or Hill Walking & Navigation days. Beyond the "away day", we are skilled at delivering outdoor activity programmes which specifically target areas such as raising self-esteem, reducing stress and anxiety and building resilience. We use participating in outdoor activities as a medium for developing stronger, positive mental health. We work in partnership with MHScot Workplace Wellbeing CIC, delivering a groundbreaking workplace wellbeing programme called Thrive & Connect.

We are proud to be an inclusive provider and strive to accommodate all needs and abilities. We have a wonderful team of highly qualified outdoor professionals, who love sharing their passion for the outdoors with others.

Why: Purchasing from us will not only buy you an experience or a Workplace Wellbeing Package, it will enable us to deliver adventurous outdoor activities programmes for people would normally struggle to access them. We like to call this "Purchasing with Conscience"!

Previous clients include: Baillie Gifford, East Lothian Council, Children 1st and many more.

How: claire@venturingout.org.uk

Welcome Brain Consulting

Category: Neurodiversity, Training, Human Resources, Mental Health, Counseling/Therapy, Business Support, Employee Resilience

Who: Welcome Brain Consulting

Where: All of Scotland

What: Welcome Brain offers specialised training, consultancy, and support services designed to help organisations effectively support and manage neurodiverse employees and customers. Our neurodiversity certification program enables you to showcase your commitment to neuroinclusion to prospective clients and partners. We offer comprehensive workshops, available in both full-day and half-day formats. Additionally, we provide guidance on navigating the legal aspects of neurodiversity specific to your industry.

Why: Our approach is based on a deep understanding of neurodiversity and a commitment to delivering customised solutions. Our expertise is not just in recognizing the value of inclusivity for the neurodiverse 20% of the population, but in demonstrating how such inclusivity can elevate an organisation's productivity, recruitment processes, employee retention, and overall performance.

We provide the tools and knowledge to effect meaningful change, ensuring that inclusivity becomes a core strength of your organisation. Our approach is not about meeting minimum requirements or making superficial gestures; it's about embedding genuine, sustainable neurodiversity practices into the fabric of your organisation. This commitment to real change is why forward-thinking companies choose us.

How: info@welcomebrain.com

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the regional third sector networks, suppliers listed in this directory and the contractors who actively seek them out as part of their supply chain.

These suppliers drive forward social change every day through the amazing work they do. By making considered supply chain decisions, the contractors ensure they leave a legacy in the community beyond bricks and mortar.

A special thanks to **Steve Lawrence**, CEO at the Edinburgh Social Enterprise Network, his support has been integral to the creation of this work.

Third Sector Interfaces

Third Sector Interfaces (TSIs) provide a single access point for support and advice for the third sector within local areas. Working with charities, social enterprises, community groups and volunteers, they aim to promote and develop a vibrant local third sector. There is a TSI in each local authority area in Scotland.

- Borders Community Action (https://borderstsi.org.uk/)
- Fife Voluntary Action (https://www.fva.org/)
- Midlothian Third Sector Interface (https://www.thirdsectormidlothian.org.uk/)
- SEAM Social Enterprise Alliance Midlothian (https://www.thirdsectormidlothian.org.uk/seam/)
- Volunteer Centre East Lothian (https://www.thirdsectormidlothian.org.uk/seam/)
- Edinburgh Social Enterprise Network (https://goodstuffedinburgh.co.uk/)
- Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations' Council (https://www.evoc.org.uk/)
- Voluntary Sector Gateway West Lothian (https://www.voluntarysectorgateway.org/)
- Scottish Government Advice on Social Enterprise. (www.mygov.scot/social-enterprise)

Business Gateway

Business Gateway provides free business support for anyone in Scotland.

- www.businessgatewayfife.com
- www.southofscotlandenterprise.com
- www.bgateway.com/local-offices/midlothian/your-advisers
- www.bgateway.com/local-offices/east-lothian/local-support
- www.bgateway.com/local-offices/edinburgh/programmes
- www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/34874/Starting-a-business

National Organisations

- Just Enterprise is a Scottish Government-funded programme for the Third Sector in Scotland. (Just Enterprise -Business Support for Social Enterprises in Scotland)
- Firstport has been helping budding social entrepreneurs make their ideas happen for over 16 years. (https://www.firstport.org.uk/)
- Social Investment Scotland is a social enterprise and charity offering loan funding and business support for social enterprises, charities and community groups. (https://www.socialinvestmentscotland.com/)
- Social Enterprise Scotland is the national intermediary and membership organisation for social enterprise in Scotland. (https://socialenterprise.scot/)
- Social Enterprise Support Map offer support for social enterprises across Scotland. (https://sesupportmap.scot/)
- Economic Development Association Scotland (EDAS) is the country's foremost membership driven association for all organisations and individuals with an interest in economic development. Their aim is to help to raise knowledge, skills and networks in all such aspects across Scotland. (https://edas.org.uk/)
- The Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES) was established in 1986. It is a Manchester-based charity working towards a future where local economies benefit people, places, and the planet. They have an international reputation for their pioneering work on Community Wealth Building and are recognised as the curators of the movement in the UK. (https://cles.org.uk/)

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