

# Support for early-stage social entrepreneurs in education

## SUPPORT

Organisation	Location	Offer
<b>Allia Serious Impact</b>	Greater Cambridgeshire and Greater Peterborough	3-month accelerator, supporting with marketing, sales, operations and finance
<b>Bates Wells and Braithwaite</b>	London	This law firm offers a programme of seminars and workshops supporting charities and social enterprises
<b>Bethnal Green Ventures</b>	Office space in London	Investment, 3-months of workshops and 1:1 support, networks, office space
<b>Bromley by Bow Centre</b>	Tower Hamlets, Hackney or Newham	Up to £17,000, training and support
<b>Cambridge Social Ventures</b>	UK-wide, with sessions in Cambridge	12-month incubator, 1:1 support and training
<b>Dotforge</b>	Sheffield, Manchester, Leeds	Tech accelerator: mentoring, investment and workshops
<b>Edspace</b>	London	Co-working space and events for the education community
<b>Emerge Education</b>	Edspace co-working space based in London	For ed tech ventures: accelerator offering investment, networks and expertise
<b>Hatch</b>	London	6-week Launchpad programme, 4-month incubator programme, and 4-month female founder programme
<b>IoD 99</b>	15 Hubs in the UK	Different membership options (requires payment). Includes desk space, legal/tax advice and courses
<b>Nesta</b>	London	Funding programmes include mentoring, capacity building and prototyping
<b>RSA (for RSA fellows)</b>	London	Catalyst programme seed funding of £2,000

<b>School for Social Entrepreneurs</b>  You can subscribe to their <a href="#">newsletter</a> for weekly opportunities for funding and support.	England-wide	Lloyds Bank and Bank of Scotland programme: Start up, Trade up and Scale up  Training courses available across the UK, all with a social entrepreneurship and impact focus
<b>Shackleton Foundation</b>	London	Up to £10,000 and support
<b>UnLtd</b>  UnLtd have created <a href="#">webinars</a> covering everything from developing a sales pipeline to legal structuring and stakeholder engagement.	UK-wide	Try it awards: 1:1 support and up to £500 Do it awards: 1:1 support and up to £5000
<b>Young Academy</b>	UK-wide with sessions in London	3-month accelerator programme: 1:1 support and mentoring

## MENTORING

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<b>Business In The Community (arc)</b>	Expert advice from business and finance partners in London and Yorkshire
<b>Expert Impact</b>	One-off sessions for ethically driven entrepreneurs with the UK's top entrepreneurs
<b>Impact Hub</b>	Membership-based network for entrepreneurs, offering incubation with mentoring and training, and office space
<b>Mentorsme.co.uk</b>	A portal to mentoring schemes across the UK, for all entrepreneurs (not just social)
<b>Prime Advocates</b>	Legal and investment advice for social enterprises

## FUNDING

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<b>Access Foundation</b>	Different programmes to support with diversifying and increasing income, with resources on social investment
<b>Big Issue Invest</b>	Offers social enterprises and charities a range of repayable finance options (from £20,000 loans to £3m), plus corporate mentoring and investment programmes
<b>ClearlySo</b>	Support capital raising through financial advisory and introductions to investors
<b>Community Business Fund (Power to Change)</b>	Grants between £50,000 to £300,000
<b>East End Community Foundation</b>	Grants between £200 to £20,000
<b>Esmee Fairbairn Foundation</b>	One of the largest independent grant-makers in the UK
<b>Good Finance</b>	Provides information on social investment
<b>Lloyds Banking Foundation</b>	Grant programme for core costs (£30,000 to £100,000), and for developing your charity (£15,000 across 1-2 years)
<b>National Lottery Awards for All England</b>	Grants between £300 to £10,000
<b>Network for Social Change</b>	Three funding streams – pools (up to £20,000), major projects (£50,000-£100,000) and fast track (up to £6,000)
<b>Numbers for Good</b>	Supports charities and social enterprises raise funds needed for scaling
<b>The Fore</b>	Only open-access funder in the UK offering funding and support to early-stage charities and social enterprises
<b>The Funding Network</b>	Hosts crowdfunding events, for up to £6,000 funding

## RESOURCES

You can access great resources designed to support social entrepreneurs via [this link](#). These guides from Teach First, ClearlySo, The Young Foundation and UnLtd provide practical tips in a range of areas, including Theory of Change and Impact Measurement Toolkits.