

Support for Alternative Business Models in West Yorkshire

Find support for alternative business models with specialist organisations offering: pre-start and existing business support, training, funding guidance, impact measurement tools, and cost benefit analysis tools, in West Yorkshire and nationally.

Pre-start and existing

business support: For those with an idea or groups looking to choose the right legal structure and beyond.

West Yorkshire Business Growth Hub: The Mayor's central "no wrong door" service, since lots of support is funding based, this should be up to date on the programmes and funding that is open and available, they will also log what you ask for and so please ask for things so they can see what the real need is.

westyorks-ca.gov.uk/growth-hub

Participate Projects: Regional lead for social venture support.

participateprojects.org.uk

Trust Leeds (Self-Reliant Groups): Early-stage micro-entrepreneurship.

trustleeds.org.uk

Local Voluntary Sector/ Infrastructure Support: (District specific) good source of training and support.

Leeds: doinggoodleeds.org.uk

Kirklees: tslkirklees.org.uk

Wakefield: nova-wd.org.uk

Bradford: cabad.org.uk

Calderdale: cvac.org.uk

Training: Specialist learning and capacity building.

School for Social Entrepreneurs (SSE): Growth programs and newsletters.

the-sse.org

Stir to Action: ABCs of Community Assets and democratic business training.

stirtoaction.com

WYCAS: Financial and community accounting training.

wycas.org.uk

NatWest Accelerator (Leeds): In person and online business programme.

natwest.com/accelerator

HSBC: Small business online growth programme.

business.hsbc.uk/en-gb/small-business-growth-programme

Google Garage: Online training.

grow.google/intl/uk/courses-and-tools/?category=business

Leeds Library Business and Intellectual Property: Resources and training.

libraries.leeds.gov.uk/what-you-can-do/bipc-leeds



Funding: Search sites, grants, social investment, and community shares.

Key Fund: Social investment for the North.
thekeyfund.co.uk

Charity Excellence: Online, free funder finder.
charityexcellence.co.uk/free-grant-funding-finder-directory

Funding Leeds: Online, free funder finder for Leeds
funding.idoxopen4community.co.uk/lcc

Kirklees Community: Online free funder finder for Kirklees.
funding.idoxopen4community.co.uk/kirkleescommunity

UnLtd: Grants for individual social entrepreneurs.
unltd.org.uk

Community Shares Booster Fund: Match funding for some co-ops.
uk.coop/boosterfund

Community Foundations:
Leeds: leedscf.org.uk
Calderdale: cffc.co.uk
Wakefield: wakefieldcf.org.uk
Bradford: givebradford.org.uk
Kirklees: one-community.org.uk

Impact measurement tools:
How to evidence the benefit of your work.

Measure Up: Great info on how and why as well.
measure-up.org

Impactasaurus: Free impact measuring tools.
impactasaurus.org

Data Orchard: Paid for service with useful articles and resources.
dataorchard.org.uk

Cost benefit analysis: How to work out the cost benefit of your work.

This is a useful tool, the numbers apply beyond Manchester.
Greater Manchester Combined Authority Cost Benefit Analysis:
greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/what-we-do/research/research-cost-benefit-analysis



National Organisations:

Sector bodies and specialist advisors. Worth signing up to newsletters and referring too when you need support.

Social Enterprise UK: A national voice for social enterprise.
socialenterprise.org.uk

Co-operatives UK: National body for co-op business support.
uk.coop

Plunkett UK: Support for rural community businesses.
plunkett.co.uk

School for Social Entrepreneurs: National support and training for social enterprise.
the-sse.org

Pioneer Post: Social enterprise news.
pioneerspost.com

UnLtd: National support, training and funding for social enterprises.
unltd.org.uk

Better Society Capital
bettersocietycapital.com

For more information about Business for Good West Yorkshire and where to find further support for alternative business models in West Yorkshire, visit bfgwy.org.uk

