

From here to Sustainability

Are you a third sector or community group in Scotland?

Need some help to become more sustainable?

Need someone to work at your pace to do what you need?

Accelerate is a fully funded programme providing mentoring and guidance to help you become more financially sustainable. We offer an average of 6 days' free support tailored to suit your needs.

Some examples of what we can do

- Fundraising
- Digital strategies
- Branding and marketing
- Ideas generation and planning
- Research and consultation
- Help with tendering
- Social enterprise development and more.

"The report that was generated and the degree of analysis it contained was excellent" – Alive and Kicking

"Our experience with our advisor was excellent. They was professional, listened to our story and worked with us every step of the way to develop some amazing plans to help us to look to the future of our organisation. We would recommend Community Enterprise 100% to any charity looking for help to focus and explore and develop their future plans and strategy." – Argyll Well Being Hub

"Having someone understand our commercial aims as much as our social aims was invaluable and we were really impressed at how collaboratively Community Enterprise worked with the other bodies and organisations we were dealing with." – Radio Buena Vida

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If you think this might be for you or a group you know, please complete the quick Expression of Interest form and one of Community Enterprise's experienced Enterprise Officers will be in touch with you.

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Case Studies

The Children's Wood

The Challenge: The Children's Wood in Glasgow started out as a group of 'guerrilla gardeners' but has just taken on a 25 year lease for their urban woodland, after a long campaign to protect the land from housing development. The Board felt it needed to consolidate and set out clear aspirations for future sustainability.

The Support: We visited the site, meeting staff and Board members to get a good sense of the organisation. We carried out an organisational review which covered HR and financial management improvements; considerations for separating the G20 project in to a standalone organisation; relationships with strategic partners; developments on the land including building work and strengthening the capacity of the Board.

The Outcome: We suggested the group access the Community Learning Exchange fund to visit other projects, including Abriachan Forest Trust near Inverness, which they have now done. Since the review, the Board has clear plans for development.

Ochil Youth Community Improvement

The Challenge: Ochil Youth Community Improvement (OYCI) is a relatively new organisation that has been growing rapidly over the past two years. They required support through Accelerate to develop their board of trustees and staff team to manage that growth effectively.

The Support: Support included a facilitated session with a review and recommendations into trustee roles and recruitment and staff support and supervision planning. We also worked with them to develop finance and reporting procedures so they could manage multiple grants more effectively.

The Outcome: OYCI now has clear roles in place, adverts ready to go and a range of adaptable templates for staff development including regular 1 to 1s and appraisals. They also have much clearer financial processes in place to make reporting easier.

Radio Buena Vida

The Challenge: Radio Buena Vida approached the Accelerate programme at a critical stage in their growth as a social enterprise. Established during the pandemic, RBV had recently taken on their first premises and were seeking support with their governance and sustainability planning.

The Support: Accelerate initially helped Radio Buena Vida undertake a governance and financial review. From this, having a paid staff member was identified as a key aspect of their growth plan going forward. We helped support the organisation develop funding applications for salary and equipment costs.

The Outcome: Radio Buena Vida successfully secured some funding to help them grow and deliver their services over the next year.