The Business Development Programme



PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FUTURE

The Business Development Programme provides money and support to help young people. If you have a business idea, and are aged 16 – 25, the Business Development Programme could be for you.

We offer practical and financial support to the young people who need it most when starting up in business. We help develop key skills, confidence and motivation, enabling young people to fulfil there business dreams and potential.

We support young people aged 16-25 to work out if their business ideas are viable and whether self-employment is right for them.

Depending on the outcome of this process, the programme can then offer mentoring support and, for those that really need it, financial support to start a business or mentoring support to secure goals in employment, education or training.

## Is it for me?

The Business Development Programme is for people who:

- Have a business idea they want help to explore
- Are aged 16-25
- Are unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week
- If you are all of these things, get in touch using the form on our website.

## What help do I get if I am successful?

- Business skills training
- Business planning support
- Start-up funding
- Ongoing support from a mentor
- Access to a wide range of comprehensive marketing and business guides.

Note: Participation in the Business Development Programme does not guarantee that start-up funding will be awarded.

Applications for start-up funding are assessed in relation to a number of factors including perceived risk, business viability and individual need.

## How can I apply?

Availability of the Business Development Programme is subject to funding restrictions.

To apply for the programme submit your details using our online form and a member of your local team will get in touch.