**Organisational development and support**

# Voluntary Action Scotland

Voluntary Action Scotland is the national organisation for local third sector infrastructure.

Each local authority area in Scotland has a Third Sector Interface to support, promote, develop and represent the third sector. The new interface arrangements bring together four key, local infrastructure functions:

* support to voluntary organisations operating in the area, both local and those national organisations that deliver services at the local level;
* support to and promotion of volunteering;
* support and development of social enterprise;
* connection between the Community Planning Partnership and the third sector.

<http://www.voluntaryactionscotland.org.uk/>

<http://www.voluntaryactionscotland.org.uk/find_an_interface.asp>

# SCVO

Online advice to help identify the right legal structure with a range of templates available.

[www.scvo.org.uk](http://www.scvo.org.uk)

# Senscot Legal

Senscot Legal provides affordable support in legal matters to the social enterprise community and wider third sector in Scotland. Areas of law include governance, company formation, employment law, contracts, dispute resolution and intellectual property issues- this list is by no means exhaustive.

<http://www.se-legal.net/>

**Volunteer Friendly**

<http://www.volunteerfriendly.org.uk/>

# Firstport

Firstport support new social enterprises during start up with issues such as choosing a legal structure, developing and strengthening a business model, writing a business plan and cash flow projections. They also provide a programme of workshops tailored to the needs of start-up social enterprises. Support is free as part of the Just Enterprise programme.

<http://www.firstport.org.uk/>

# Help for Clubs

A **sport**scotland online resource providing information and guidance to help sport clubs develop.

[http://www.**Sportscotland**.org.uk/clubs/help\_for\_clubs](http://www.sportscotland.org.uk/clubs/help_for_clubs)

# Local Authority Sports Development

There may be a local online resource providing information and guidance to help sport clubs develop.

**Scotland National Rural Network**

The Scottish National Rural Network aims to connect rural Scotland in all its diversity to promote economic growth and community development.

<http://www.ruralgateway.org.uk/en/about_us>

# Local Authority Enterprise Support

This varies in different areas – please check with your local authority

**Being More Enterprising**

# Sport Social Enterprise Network

The Sport Social Enterprise Network has a coordinator and in addition offers peer support, resource sharing & signposting. Currently meeting on a quarterly basis at venues across Scotland to facilitate networking and provide opportunities for learning and development, the Sport SEN are keen to welcome any new organisations.

<http://se-networks.net/sportsen.php> & <http://se-networks.net/sportresources.php>

# Sports Marketing Network (SMN)

SMN provides common sense information and advice on how to make your club or facility more viable, vibrant and visible sharing best practice across all sports via newsletters & seminars.

<http://www.smnuk.com/>

# Just Enterprise

Just Enterprise is a consortium bringing together Scotland's key social enterprise support agencies to provide business support and development services to Enterprising Third Sector Organisations across Scotland. Its principal role is to deliver the Scottish Government's contract for Business Support to the Enterprising Third Sector. In doing so, the focus of the consortium is to ensure an enterprising third sector can grow sustainably in the challenging economic conditions expected in coming years.

The Just Enterprise consortium consists of CEiS, HISEZ, Firstport, the Social Enterprise Academy, Forth Sector Development, Community Enterprise Ltd, CEMVO Scotland, Lanarkshire Enterprise Services, Ready for Business and Inspiralba.

<http://www.justenterprise.org/>

# Social Enterprise Academy

The Social Enterprise Academy deliver learning and development programmes for anyone working for social purpose, they provide programmes in Leadership, Entrepreneurship and Social Impact Measurement.

<http://www.theacademy-ssea.org/>

# Business Gateway

Business Gateway offer a wide range of professional resources and support to all types of business no matter what stage they are at. Local offices exists throughout Scotland.

<http://www.bgateway.com/>

# Scottish Enterprise

Scottish Enterprise support the development of globally competitive companies by offering an integrated business support model where companies with ambitions to grow can access the right type of support at the right stage of their growth.

<http://www.scottish-enterprise.com/>

**Asset Transfer and Enterprise**

# COSS

The Community Ownership Support Service (COSS), delivered by the Development Trusts Association Scotland, is funded by the Scottish Government to support the sustainable transfer of assets (land or buildings) into community ownership. This adviser led service provides community based organisations across Scotland with access to support and specialist advice at every stage of the asset transfer process. This includes one to one advisory support, Expert Help, workshops/master classes and access to a comprehensive web resource.

<http://www.dtascommunityownership.org.uk/>

**Mentoring**

# Senscot - Regional and Thematic Social Enterprise Networks

Senscot support Social Enterprise Networks across Scotland.

A Social Enterprise Network offers peer support, resource sharing and development of markets, a focal point for issues specific to local social enterprises, a collective voice and the opportunity to raise awareness and profile of social enterprise.

Thematic networks include Cultural and Creative, Health, Sport and Community Food.

<http://www.se-networks.net/networks.php>

# Sported

**Sported**is a UK sporting legacy charity - a membership organisation which provides support to community and grassroots organisations that deliver '[Sport for Development](http://www.sported.org.uk/what-we-do/what-is-sport-for-development/)'. They support organisations by providing business resources and financial assistance, so that they can concentrate on doing what they do best - improving the lives of disadvantaged young people through sport. <http://www.sported.org.uk/>

# Winning Scotland – Work Out For Sport

[Work Out For Sport](http://www.workoutforsport.com/) is a unique programme - supported by [**sport**scotland](http://www.sportscotland.org.uk/) - which matches the skills of volunteers from the business community with sports clubs and organisations to help create stronger more sustainable clubs.

<http://www.winningscotlandfoundation.org/Our-Programmes/Work-Out-For-Sport/>

# Pilotlight

Pilotlight enables ambitious charities and social enterprises to help a greater number of people and achieve positive social change. Pilotlight works with business leaders who are placed in teams to coach and mentor a charity or social enterprise. Charities and social enterprises work through a facilitated process to think and plan strategically and be more effective, efficient and sustainable.

<http://www.pilotlight.org.uk/>

# DCS Club Mentoring

There will be a mentoring element to the Direct Club Investment support - <http://www.sportscotland.org.uk/clubs/direct_club_investment>

**Learning and Evaluation**

**Evaluation Support Scotland**

<http://www.evaluationsupportscotland.org.uk/>

**Inspiring Impact**

<http://inspiringimpact.org/>

**Support and Funding Portals**

**Community Funds Gateway**

Portal with a range of Scottish Government funds available to community organisations.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/regeneration/communityfunds>

**StarBright**

A website full of practical info and tools for start-up Social Enterprises in Scotland

[www.starbright.co.uk](http://www.starbright.co.uk)

**The Scottish Business Portal**

Brings together all business support for the private sector and is also open to social enterprises.

<http://www.business.scotland.gov.uk/>

**Big Lottery**

Range of funding programmes for community Groups and Social Enterprises.

<http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/>

**Sport**scotland

Range of support available to sport clubs, SGBs and Local Authorities.

<http://www.sportscotland.org.uk/>