

Social Enterprise Advice & Support Network

Financial Support

Financial Support for Social Entrepreneurs:

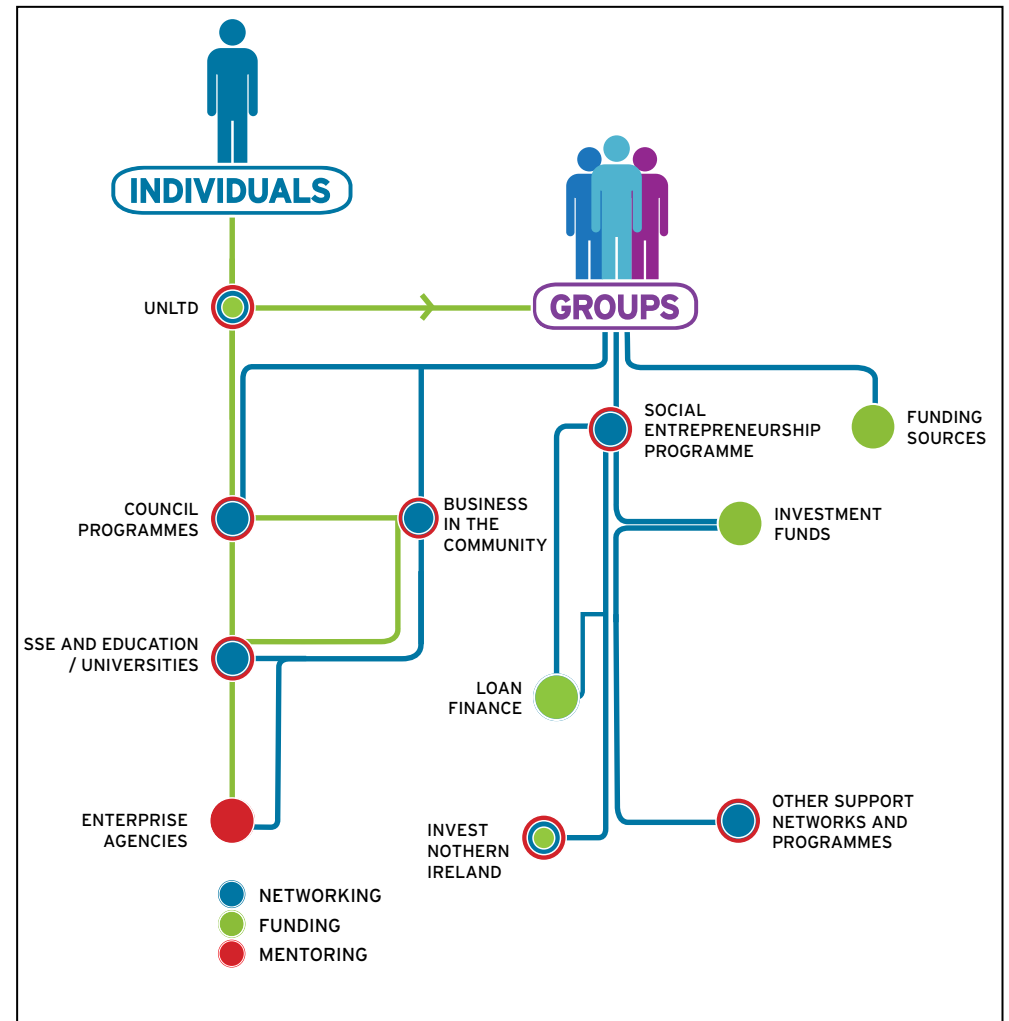
Have you identified a commercial opportunity to address a particular social or environmental need in the community? Over the next few years it is expected that many more new social enterprises will be established in Northern Ireland making a significant contribution to the economy and local communities.

Social enterprises in Northern Ireland operate in a wide range of industries including:


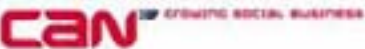

- childcare provision
- catering
- education and training
- recycling
- manufacturing
- tourism



Whether you are an individual social entrepreneur or a group wanting to establish a social enterprise in your community there is a variety of support to help you achieve your goals. The following database represents the financial support that is available to both groups and private individuals through the various partners working in Northern Ireland.



To use this database simply identify the support you require and you eligibility from the diagram opposite and follow the relevant contact details.



Social Enterprise - Financial Support

Programme - provider and programme name	Programme Description	Geographical availability	Availability Time-scale	Contact Details
<p>Charity Bank - loan finance</p> 	<p>Charity Bank provides affordable loan finance and advice to enable charities, community associations, voluntary organisations, community businesses and social enterprises across the UK to grow.</p> <p>Loans available from £50,000 to £2million, with larger amounts available on a co-funding basis.</p>	<p>Across Northern Ireland</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>http://www.charitybank.org</p> <p>Contact: Niamh Goggin</p> <p>Telephone: 028 9024 4179</p> <p>Email: ngoggin@charitybank.org</p>
<p>Community Action Network (CAN) - range of programmes and activities</p> 	<p>CAN supports social entrepreneurs to scale up their businesses and maximise their social impact. CAN Social Investment deploys a range of funding and business support into social enterprises and includes the Breakthrough programme. CAN also work with corporate partners to leverage capital and strategic support into leading social enterprises. CAN operate the following support programmes</p> <p>Breakthrough Programme - Breakthrough is a social investment programme designed to tackle the financial and management challenges inhibiting the growth of Social Enterprise; and</p> <p>Engage Programme - Gives growing social enterprises access to business expertise to support strategy and business processes.</p>	<p>Across Northern Ireland</p>	<p>Are reactive and are waiting approaches by suitable SEEs from the NI market.</p>	<p>http://www.can-online.org.uk/pages/social_investment.html</p> <p>Contact: Denise Vergot Holle</p> <p>Telephone: 020 7922 7751</p> <p>Email: d.holle@can-online.org.uk</p> <p>Contact: Richard Kennedy</p> <p>Telephone: 020 7922 7757</p> <p>Email: r.kennedy@can-online.org.uk</p>
<p>Lloyds TSB Foundation for Northern Ireland</p> 	<p>Lloyds TSB Foundation for Northern Ireland offers support to organizations focused on delivering social and community needs and on education and training.</p>	<p>Across Northern Ireland</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>http://www.lloydstsbfoundationni.org</p> <p>Telephone: 028 9032 3000</p> <p>Email: info@lloydstsbfoundationni.org</p>

<p>Social Entrepreneurship Programme</p> 	<p>The four elements of the programme are all aimed at the promotion of sustainable models of business and provide capability support to allow organisations to set up and develop businesses with the potential of start up, growth or export development:</p> <p>Lead in Development - Advice for groups without a clearly identified business start up idea or who need help to refine their idea.</p> <p>Core Capability Support - A package of assistance to help groups develop their business plan, the potential for financial assistance towards start-up costs, start up capability advice and aftercare during the first year of trading.</p> <p>Post Start Strategic Mentoring - One to one strategic mentoring specific to the needs of the groups. This is aimed at existing social enterprises with growth and export potential.</p> <p>Mentoring Support for Transitional Groups - advice and support for voluntary and community sector groups seeking to make the transition to a social enterprise.</p>	<p>Across Northern Ireland</p>	<p>2009 - 2011 Yr 3 to 2012 subject to annual review</p>	<p>http://www.investni.com/index/start/socialentrepreneurs.htm</p> <p>Contact: Frankie McCourt</p> <p>Telephone: 028 9069 8200</p> <p>Email: frankie.mccourt@investni.com</p>
<p>Ulster Community Investment Trust (UCIT) - Loan finance</p> 	<p>Ulster Community Investment Trust (UCIT) is a charity providing affordable loan finance and support to community organisations, charities and social enterprises.</p> <p>Loans are available for many purposes including: Refurbishment or purchase of property, Purchasing equipment, Bridging funding gaps Restructuring existing debt, Working capital</p> <p>Loan Size: Average £25,000 - £500,000</p> <p>How are we different? No fees or charges Flexibility in arranging lending terms and repayments Competitive interest rates</p>	<p>All of Northern Ireland and border region of ROI</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>http://www.ucitltd.com</p> <p>Contact: Phelim Sharvin or Sinead McCrory</p> <p>Tel: 028 90315003</p> <p>Email: phelimsharvin@ucitltd.com, sineadmccrory@ucitltd.com</p>

<p>UnLtd - range of programmes / activities</p> 	<p>UnLtd - the Foundation for Social Entrepreneurs supports individuals with the vision, passion and drive to make a difference in the community. Support comes in the form of a cash and personal development award with different awards for different age groups or stages of development:</p> <p>Start Up Awards - Live UnLtd Awards (11-21), UnLtd Level 1 Awards (21-50), Engage Ignite Awards (50+) offer up to £5000 for set up costs for a community project or social enterprise. Available 10 months of the year.</p> <p>Development Awards - provide up to £15,000 for living expenses to established social entrepreneurs who have a track record of social impact and are looking to grow their venture. Awards are available in Spring and Autumn each year.</p> <p>All awards include 12 months of business mentoring support.</p>	<p>Across Northern Ireland</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>http://www.unltd.org.uk/regions.php?ID=25</p> <p>Contacts: Ciara Brennan (21-50)</p> <p>Telephone: 028 9024 4007</p> <p>Email: ciarabrennan@unltd.org.uk</p> <p>Lesley Johnston (50+)</p> <p>Telephone: 028 9024 4007</p> <p>Email: lesleyjohnston@unltd.org.uk</p> <p>Ashley Whittley (11-21)</p> <p>Telephone: 028 9024 4007</p> <p>Email: ashleywhittley@unltd.org.uk</p>
<p>Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme 2007 - 13</p> 	<p>Axis 3 of the Rural Development Programme deals with improving the quality of life in rural areas and encouraging the diversification of the economy. Funding is available for business creation and development, encouragement of tourism activities, basic services for the economy and rural population, village renewal and development and conservation and upgrading the rural heritage.</p>	<p>Rural areas across Northern Ireland. Please note that towns, villages etc with a population in excess of 4,500 people are excluded from the Rural Development Programme.</p>	<p>2007 - 2013</p>	<p>http://www.rdpni.info</p> <p>Contact: Richard Leeman</p> <p>Tel: 028 90 765 387</p> <p>E-mail: rdp@dardni.gov.uk</p> <p>http://www.dardni.gov.uk/index/rural-development/rdp-campaign.htm</p> <p>Telephone: 0845 3044 509</p>