

Social Enterprise Advice & Support Network

Mentor Support

Mentor Support for Social Entrepreneurs:

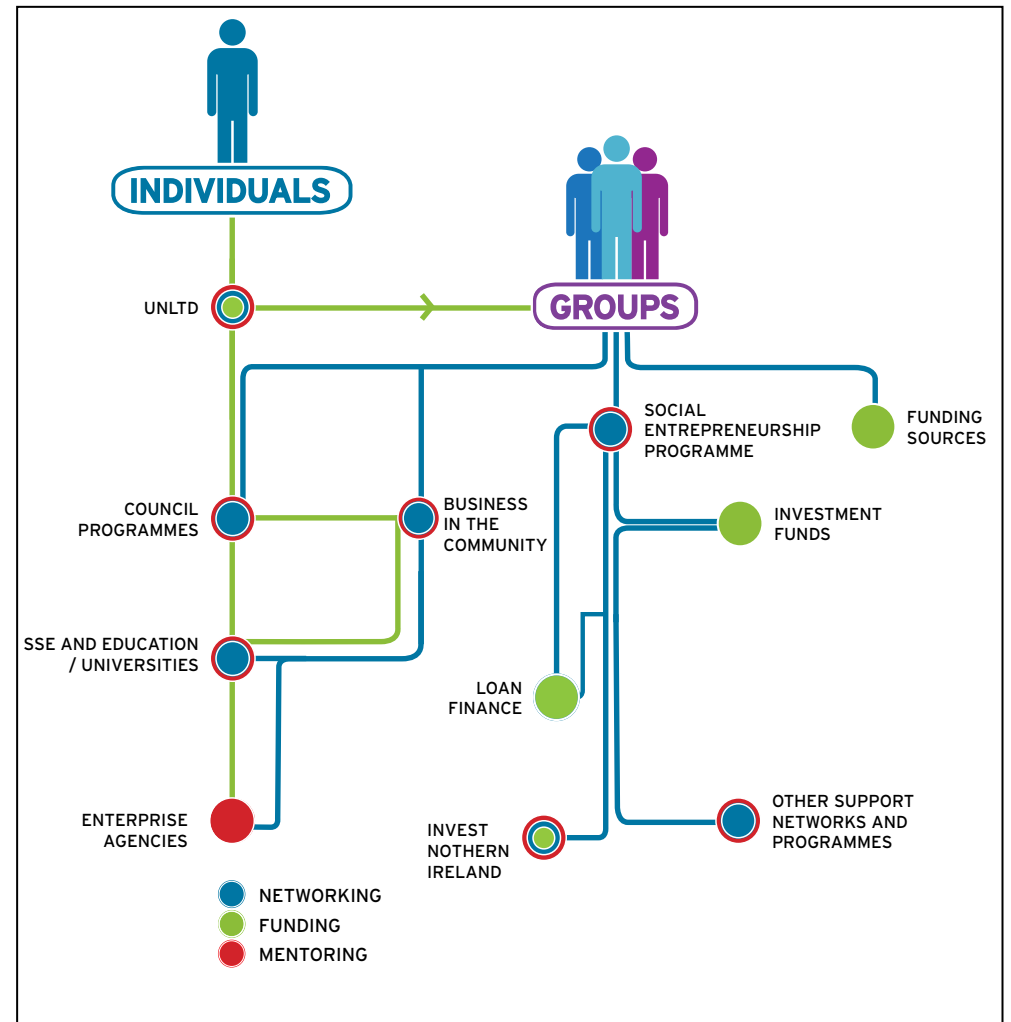
Have you identified a commercial opportunity to address a particular social or environmental need in the community? Over the next few years it is expected that many more new social enterprises will be established in Northern Ireland making a significant contribution to the economy and local communities.

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 mentor 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 your eligibility from the diagram opposite and follow the relevant contact details.



Social Entrepreneurship - Mentoring Support

Programme - provider and programme name	Programme Description	Geographical availability	Availability Timescale	Contact
Educational Guidance Service for Adults (EGSA) - Outreach Adult Careers Information, Advice and Guidance (CIAG) Service 	EGSA was awarded a 3-year Service Level Agreement with the Department for Employment and Learning (DEL) to deliver an Outreach Adult CIAG service focusing on Redundancy Counselling and Community Networking and partnering.	Across Northern Ireland	3-year SLA May 2010 - 16 May 2013	Contact: Joanne Rooney (Careers Service - DEL) Email: csni@delni.gov.uk
Department for Employment and Learning 	The Department through the Step Ahead stand of the Steps to Work programme provides an opportunity for Community and Voluntary sector organisations, including Social Economy Enterprise, to provide fixed-term, subsidised employment to those out of work for 30 months or more.	Across NI	Sept 2009 - Sept 2011	Email: stepstowork@delni.gov.uk
Department for Employment and Learning - Local Employment Intermediary Service (LEMIS) 	The Local Employment Intermediary Service (LEMIS) is an initiative designed to help unemployed people in the community overcome those issues that may be preventing them from finding and keeping a job. The service is provided by local community employment organisations in Belfast, Londonderry and Strabane. These organisations offer an impartial and confidential advice and support service to help people find a job which best suits their skills and abilities. LEMIS clients avail of employment vacancies including those created by Social Economy Programmes. The LEMIS Providers prepare and coach clients prior to employment interviews. (An example of this was the INI - IDF Social Economy Fund Pilot 2008 in West Belfast & Greater Shankill, of 26 vacancies 14 were filled by LEMIS clients)	Belfast, Londonderry and Strabane	LEMIS is contracted to be delivered to March 2011.	Contact: Sam Bailie Tel. 9025 2258 Email: sam.bailie@delni.gov.uk Damian McCann Tel. 9072 6782 Email: damian.mccann@delni.gov.uk 3rd Floor, Gloucester House, 57/63 Chichester Street, Belfast BT1 4RA

<p>Business In The Community - ProHelp programmes</p> 	<p>ProHelp offers free advice and support from NI businesses to help build the capacity of the voluntary, community and social economy sectors. There are three ways social enterprises can benefit:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Professional Firms Support – expert guidance on issues including legal, financial, architectural and ICT. 2. Mentoring Support – a personal mentoring initiative matching a senior manager from a social enterprise with a business representative 3. Expert Support and Advice - issues such as HR, Financial Management, Marketing and Strategic Planning. Organisations must be legally constituted, community-based, not-for-profit organisations. 	<p>Across Northern Ireland</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>http://www.bitc.org.uk/northern_ireland/index.html</p> <p>For more information, contact:</p> <p>Claire McAteer, Business in the Community</p> <p>Tel: (028) 9046 0606</p> <p>E-mail: claire.mcateer@bitcni.org.uk</p>
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<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 of stages of development.</p> <p>The personal development side of the award is completely tailored to the needs of the individual. Each award winners is paired with a dedicated Development Manager who will work with the award winner in a one-to-one basis to support their personal and project development. Mentors with specific areas of expertise are also brokered in to provide additional support. A yearly calendar of training events is also on offer bringing award winners together to find solutions to common problems.</p>	<p>Across Northern Ireland</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>http://www.unltd.org.uk/regions.php?ID=25</p> <p>Contacts:</p> <p>Ciara Brennan (21-50) Telephone: 028 9024 4007 Email: ciarabrennan@unltd.org.uk</p> <p>Lesley Johnston (50+) Telephone: 028 9024 4007 Email: lesleyjohnston@unltd.org.uk</p> <p>Ashley Whittlely (11-21) Telephone: 028 9024 4007 Email: ashleywhittlely@unltd.org.uk</p>
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