
The SIMPL Guide to Social Investment and VCSE support in the HotSW



<https://www.bigsocietycapital.com/>

Big Society Capital (BSC) improves the lives of people in the UK by connecting social investment to charities and social enterprises.

BSC know that investment can help charities and social enterprises achieve more. They believe the greatest chance to improve lives comes when investors and enterprises are both motivated by social mission.

BSC engage with investors, fund managers, charities and social enterprises to make it easier to use social investment. With their co-investors, they have made over £1bn of new capital available to organisations with a social mission, through investments into fund managers and social banks. BSC have a special focus on: [providing homes for people in need](#); [supporting communities to improve lives](#); and [early action to prevent problems](#).



<https://access-socialinvestment.org.uk/>

Access works to make charities and social enterprises in England more financially resilient and self-reliant, so that they can sustain or increase their impact.

We are Access – The Foundation for Social Investment. We work to make charities and social enterprises in England more financially resilient and self-reliant, so that they can sustain or increase their impact.

We do this through supporting the development of enterprise activity to grow and diversify income, and improving access to the social investment which can help stimulate that enterprise activity.

If you are a charity or social enterprise, or are new to the world of social investment, please visit [Good Finance](#) for introductory information, guidance and a directory of social investors



<https://www.goodfinance.org.uk/>

Good Finance is a collaborative project to help improve access to information on social investment for charities and social enterprises.

Good Finance provides a website designed to make it easy to understand whether social investment is right for your organisation and what the next steps are.

To understand social investment, what it is, the types of social investment and who provides it click [HERE](#)

To help you decide if social investment is right for your organisation, Good Finance have produced a simple diagnostic tool that takes only 2-3 minutes to complete. Click [HERE](#) to access the diagnostic tool.

Good Finance have a searchable database of social investors and advisors: click [HERE](#) to find social investors or advisors that may be able to support your organisation.

To browse Good Finance's case studies click [HERE](#) to see how organisations across the UK are already using social investment.

Good social impact evidence can help organisations to improve their services, compare achievements with similar organisations and communicate the difference they are making to be able to attract investment. Click [HERE](#) to use Good finance's outcomes matrix tool to help plan and measure your organisation's social impact.

For all the latest news from Good Finance, including events, click [HERE](#).

To sign up to the Good Finance Newsletter, click [HERE](#).



<https://www.ncvo.org.uk/policy-and-research/funding/social-investment>

NCVO champions the voluntary sector and volunteering because they're essential for a better society.

NCVO is part of the [Good Finance](#) collaboration, a website designed to make it easy to understand whether social investment is right for your organisation and what the next steps are.

For NCVO's *VCSE Social Investment Toolkit*, please click [HERE](#).

For NCVO's *Brief Guide to Loan Finance for Trustees*, please click [HERE](#).



<https://www.clearlyso.com/>

ClearlySo is Europe's leading impact investment bank, working exclusively with businesses, charities, and funds delivering positive social, ethical, and/or environmental impact as well as financial return.

For ClearlySo's *Guide for the Ambitious Social Entrepreneur*, please click [HERE](#).



PIONEERS POST QUARTERLY provides intelligent journalism for social entrepreneurs, impact investors and responsible business leaders.

As well as their quarterly publication, PIONEERS POST have written a special guide titled: ***How to Make Money Work for Good***: please click [HERE](#)



GET INFORMED is a campaign that enables charity trustees and nonexecutive directors of social enterprises to better understand the opportunities and risks of using social investment.

Click <https://www.bigsocietycapital.com/get-informed> to find information on:

- Key things to know about social investment if you are a trustee or non-executive director
- Key things to know about social investment if you are a CEO, finance director or senior executive
- What the GET INFORMED campaign offers



Social Investment Tax Relief (SITR) is a tax break designed to encourage individuals to invest in charities and social enterprises. SITR has been introduced to encourage new investment into charities and social enterprises and can be used to help access certain types of **debt and equity finance** from **individual investors** by offering **30% income tax relief**.

Big Society Capital provide more information on SITR, please click [HERE](#).



<http://resonance.ltd.uk>

Health and Wellbeing Challenge Fund (SW) is managed by Resonance. It aims to support existing voluntary, community and social enterprises working in the health, wellbeing, and social care sector in Somerset, Devon, and Cornwall. So far we have invested over £1.2 million into 20 enterprises in the region who are providing a wide range of services to vulnerable

people, with flexible, unsecured loans ranging from £10,000 to £150,000. More information about the fund and a whole host of other funds managed by Resonance can be found at <http://resonance.ltd.uk/health-wellbeing-challenge-fund-2/>.

The HWCF was created by funding from Big Society Capital, The Big Lottery, South West Academic Health Science Network, and is an Access Growth Fund.



<http://devoncf.com/>

Established in 1996, Devon Community Foundation is a unique organisation, privileged to be working alongside people who are motivated by wanting to make a difference across Devon. We use our knowledge of local needs and the voluntary sector to manage high impact distribution of funds designed to achieve sustainable outcomes, awarding financial support on behalf of our Fund holders and donors, which enable local people to achieve inspiring change in their communities.



A DCF LOAN FUND

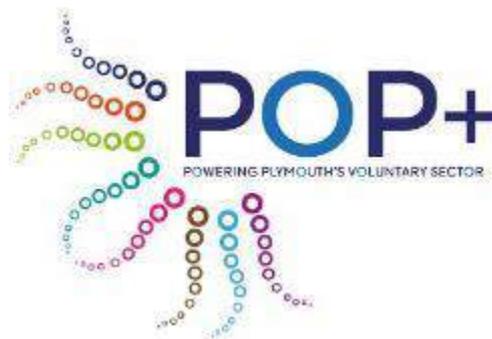
Devon Community Foundation's new investment fund aims to support the growth and impact of voluntary, community, and social enterprises (VCSEs) with accessible loans. We will work alongside you to tailor loans to your organisation's needs, enabling you to bring your ideas to fruition.

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The Foundation for Social Entrepreneurs
<https://www.unltd.org.uk/home-page/>

UnLtd finds, funds and supports social entrepreneurs - enterprising people with solutions that change our society for the better. We were formed in 2002 by seven organisations who believed that social entrepreneurs had a much bigger contribution to make to our economy and society. We were among the first to back individuals with their own ideas to create social good.



<https://www.plymouthoctopus.org/>

Our mission is to support cross-sector collaboration with Plymouth's third sector, to develop thriving organisations and groups that can create social capital and positive social change.

Our vision is a vibrant, sustainable third sector in Plymouth valued for delivering effective and efficient cross-sector services and support that leads to positive social change for local people.



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

POP Ideas is the VCSE Capacity Building arm of POP+. We offer Funding and Planning support to the VCSE in Plymouth.



Plymouth Social Enterprise Network

<https://plymsocent.org.uk/>

Plymouth Social Enterprise Network represents all kinds of social enterprises including co-operatives, community interest companies, charities, community businesses and more. All are joined by a common bond – that of doing business for a good cause.



<http://www.essenceofexeter.org.uk/social-enterprise-places.html>

ESSENCE is an active peer-support network for (aspiring) social enterprises and those identifying themselves with the social enterprise sector.

ESSENCE is at the heart of the Exeter social enterprise movement, infrastructure and community.

The Enhance Social Enterprise Programme



<https://new.devon.gov.uk/economy/business-support/enhance-social-enterprise/>

The Enhance Social Enterprise programme supports social enterprises and social entrepreneurs across the Heart of the South West LEP area - Plymouth, Torbay, Devon and Somerset

Through this programme existing social enterprises, community sector organisations that want to transition into trading or those in need of help to develop their ideas to start trading, can receive a minimum of 12 hours of FREE tailored business support from a range of partners, until Dec 2019.

Enhance Social Enterprise is funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), Devon County Council, Devon and Somerset Community Foundations, Real Ideas Organisation, Dartington School for Social Entrepreneurs, Iridescent Ideas and Cosmic in order to support the growth of the social enterprise sector in the region.

Support is available for social enterprises looking to explore all aspects of their business including:

- Business Start-up, Development and Growth
- Social Enterprise Leadership Development
- Digital Marketing and Digital Leadership
- Financial Sustainability, Income Diversification and Social Investment
- Legal Structure and Governance
- Business Planning
- Measuring Social Impact