

## HOW DO I APPLY?

Details, eligibility checkers and application forms are all available on our website or contact our office and we'll send details out to you.

- For awards up to £5,000, we will make decisions on a monthly basis.
- All final applicants for an award up to £20,000 will be required to complete a business plan – full details online.
- For awards up to £20,000, our panel will make decisions every three months.

▶ “Working with the team has given me the chance to achieve things that I could never have managed without their support. Over the past 5 years, I have received help on a one-to-one basis regularly and been assisted with funding, training, and contacts. We hope to develop a young creative community in Fife with a permanent base in the form of a social enterprise cafe. These are things that I could never have achieved by my age (22) without their outstanding support.”



**Gillian Ferguson**  
Undiscovered Ltd  
Dundee

▶ “Having the opportunity of bouncing our ideas around with the team enabled us to reflect on our marketing message, firm up on some of the practical issues, and think about what works for us. Their assistance both financially and as a point of support, helped our journey. We met some interesting people, got to do business with other awardees, and found the support of fellow awardees to be an excellent bonus!”



**Ian Martin & Paul Ralph**  
With People  
Edinburgh



**FOR MORE INFORMATION  
AND FULL DETAILS OF  
THE CRITERIA AND  
APPLICATION PROCESS,  
VISIT OUR WEBSITE:**

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**WE WANT YOU  
TO SUCCEED...**

Are you an individual with a great idea  
and need some help getting it off the ground?

Do you want to set up a business that  
will help people and communities?

**firstport**  
Doing Good Business

**ScotlandUnLtd\***

# WE PROVIDE MONEY AND SUPPORT FOR NEW START-UP BUSINESSES THAT WILL HAVE A BENEFIT FOR PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES...

► "Gaining an award has given me the means to finally get my project off the ground. Since my first contact with the team, they have been nothing but supportive and encouraging. Thanks to them the momentum of Eco Drama continues!"



**Emily Reid**  
Eco Drama  
Glasgow

## WHO CAN APPLY FOR SUPPORT AND MONEY?

- Any individual who has a business idea and needs help and support to make it reality
- Any individual who has the drive and passion to turn their idea into reality and just needs some funding and support to get them started or to develop their business
- The idea MUST be of benefit to people and communities
- You must have an idea how our money and support will help you develop your idea
- You must be 16 or over and live in Scotland

For full details of our awards criteria, please see our 'eligibility checker' online.

## HOW MUCH CAN I GET?

There are different levels of award depending on how far you have got with developing your idea:

- Awards up to £5,000 are for individuals who might need money to develop their idea further – for example, to test out a new idea
- Awards up to £20,000 are for when you have decided to go ahead and need some resources to get going



**Bosco Santimano**  
You Can Cook  
Peebles

► "We are very grateful to the whole team for providing us with excellent on-going support for all our business needs. It is a pleasant experience to meet and chat with staff who are genuinely friendly and professional in their work."

## WHAT OTHER SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE?

- Free one-to-one guidance through the whole process – we want you to succeed!
- Practical support and advice on how to develop your ideas
- Training and events to match your needs
- Introductions to people who have 'been there, done it'
- If we can't help, we will point you in the right direction
- Access to documents and information on how to set up your business is on our website – [www.firstport.org.uk](http://www.firstport.org.uk)



**Kim Siu**  
Down to Earth  
Forres

► "The team provided me with 100% support for Down to Earth which provides innovative and affordable housing solutions. They believed in my ability to deliver an innovative project right from the start and are always at the end of a phone with helpful suggestions when times get tough."

► "From a rather ambitious early contact with Firstport and months later with Scotland UnLtd I found their support, encouragement and challenge very helpful in getting my idea into a manageable Social Enterprise. With a start date in March I feel the timescale would have been almost impossible without their input, understanding and the means to formulate a sound startup."



**Inga Beagley**  
The Bridge Co-op  
Blairgowrie