

VCFSE IN LINCOLNSHIRE

A directory of specialist business support for Voluntary, Community, Faith, and Social Enterprise organisations (VCFSE)

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B Lab United Kingdom



B Lab UK is a non-profit charity that promotes an inclusive, equitable and regenerative economy by encouraging businesses to act as a force for good.

To support businesses, B Lab runs the B Corp Certification, verifying companies that meet high standards of social and environmental performance, transparency and accountability.

B Lab provides free impact measurement tools, hosts educational workshops, fosters a collaborative peer network and campaigns for legislative changes to help businesses balance purpose with profit.

www.bcorporation.uk



Business Lincolnshire

The place to go for business growth



Business Lincolnshire Growth Hub



Business Lincolnshire Growth Hub provides fully funded, comprehensive support to businesses across Greater Lincolnshire at every stage of development. Whether exploring a new idea, building on what has already been created, or ready to scale and expand into new markets, the Growth Hub has a team of experienced advisers to help businesses take the next step with confidence. The Growth Hub connects businesses to training, resources, networks, and specialist programmes, helping them overcome challenges and seize opportunities. By delivering tailored advice and practical support, it enables start-ups and established firms alike to grow, innovate, and achieve long-term success.

www.businesslincolnshire.com

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Business Lincolnshire Social Economy Academy



The Social Economy Academy is a fully funded Business Lincolnshire programme supporting charities, social enterprises, and purpose-driven organisations across Greater Lincolnshire. Delivered by Lincoln Bishop University, it offers webinars, networking, peer support, and events such as funders fairs and conferences. The programme builds skills, fosters collaboration, and strengthens sector capacity. By connecting organisations and developing expertise, it enables the social economy to grow, innovate, and deliver greater social and environmental impact.

www.businesslincolnshire.com/support-for-sectors/social-economy



Business Lincolnshire Start Up Academy



The Business Lincolnshire Start-Up Academy is a fully funded service delivered by a dedicated team of start-up advisers working across Greater Lincolnshire. The Start-up Academy offers one-to-one guidance, practical workshops and peer learning for new and early-stage businesses. The Pre-start and Start-up Accelerator gives aspiring and new business owners structured, intensive support to move from idea to trading with confidence. Covering market research, business planning, financial management and operations, the programme is designed to give all new ventures the best start in Greater Lincolnshire.

www.businesslincolnshire.com/starting-a-business

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CERT CIC



CERT CIC offer a full range of business support to social enterprises and charities including: financial and business planning, governance and legal structure, support for growth, investment readiness, understanding social audit and SROI. CERT are a social enterprise themselves, so they like to think they understand the challenges these organisations face. The work in Lincolnshire is often paid for by other support organisations who fund our specific specialist support. Alternatively, CERT can offer support and advice on a paid consultancy basis.

www.certconsultancy.co.uk



Community VISION CIO



Community VISION (Voluntary Infrastructure Support Involving Organisations and Networks) CIO is an infrastructure support organisation and local development agency covering North Lincolnshire and East Riding of Yorkshire. Supporting Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) organisations to strengthen their delivery, develop their work and build resilience within local communities. Their support includes information, advice, guidance, networking and development opportunities. They aim to empower local organisations and help them access the support and resources they need.

www.communityvision.org.uk

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CVS Lincolnshire



CVS Lincolnshire is the county's largest voluntary and community sector support organisation, helping charities, community groups, social enterprises, and volunteers thrive. They provide fully funded volunteering brokerage, funding advice and grant application reviews, governance support, volunteer management and bid writing training, networking opportunities, social prescribing, and community development programmes. CVS Lincolnshire works with partners across the county to strengthen communities, improve wellbeing and build the capacity of local organisations to make a lasting difference within their own communities.

www.cvslincolnshire.org.uk



Forum CIO



Forum CIO, in partnership with Sector Support North East Lincolnshire (SSNEL), provides free support to voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations across North East Lincolnshire. Commissioned by North East Lincolnshire Council and the Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership, SSNEL offers advice on governance, funding, fundraising, safeguarding, volunteering and organisational development. The service delivers training, networking, peer support and partnership opportunities, helping organisations of all sizes strengthen capacity, improve sustainability and increase their influence within local communities.

www.forumcio.org.uk



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Harlaxton Manor College



Harlaxton Manor College provides practical organisational development, governance, and implementation support to help social Economy Organisations strengthen long-term sustainability and organisational resilience. We provide workshops and coaching, consultancy, strategic planning, and research capability. Support covers services, customers, pricing, income, governance, strategy, financial oversight, funding opportunities, and impact measurement, combining clear decision-making tools with coaching, accountability, and realistic actions tailored to the organisation's resources and ambitions.

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Lincolnshire Community Foundation



Lincolnshire Community Foundation are Lincolnshire's only independent grantmaker, offering a variety of funding programmes informed by local insight and knowledge and through which not-for-profit charities, community organisations and social enterprises across the length and breadth of Greater Lincolnshire can be supported. The Foundation also work closely with partners, funders and local communities to create positive change, support people to access the resources they need and aid in addressing wider issues affecting the County.

www.lincolnshirecf.co.uk



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Lincolnshire Co-operative



Lincolnshire Co-Operative will support the set up and development of social and community business structures, based around the principles of people working co-operatively and collaboratively for the benefit of members and/or the community. This could include but not limited to a Co-op, Community Benefits Society, Community Interest Company, Bcorps. Funds are targeted towards approved delivery partners to provide specialist business advice, training and professional services e.g. accountancy.

www.lincolnshire.coop/about-us/what-is-a-co-operative



LVET (Lincolnshire Voluntary Engagement Team)



LVET supports Health and Social Care voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise organisations across Lincolnshire to connect, collaborate and strengthen their impact. Through free membership, we offer practical resources, funding information, learning opportunities and connections to other organisations. We provide a supportive space to share challenges, celebrate successes and ensure members' voices help shape health, care and wellbeing across the county.

www.lvet.co.uk



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Plunkett UK



Plunkett UK is a national charity with a vision for resilient, thriving and inclusive rural communities. It achieves this by practically supporting people to set up and run a wide range of community-owned businesses such as village shops and pubs, woodlands, farms and more. It raises awareness of the community ownership model and represents members' interests through policy, research and advocacy. Plunkett has supported almost 900 community businesses to start trading, with 30–40 new ones opening annually. We offer advice, training and support, this is available free of charge in most cases.

www.plunkett.co.uk



Plunkett UK



Social Enterprise UK



As the national voice for social enterprises, Social Enterprise UK exists to advocate for social enterprise, demonstrating the difference that our sector makes and influencing decision-makers to create an environment where our way of working can thrive. Campaigning on behalf of the social enterprise community, they lead public policy and use their comprehensive research evidence to make the case for change. They also drive cross-sector collaboration, working with private companies and public institutions to bring social enterprises into their supply chains, helping any organisation to create positive social and environmental impact.

www.socialenterprise.org.uk

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The Key Fund



The Key Fund provide flexible loans and grants to help enterprises start up, become sustainable, and grow; creating jobs, reinvigorating communities and offering social investment. As a Social Enterprise themselves, they understand the challenges you face and will support you, pre and post-investment, offering the right kind of money at the right time. They offer investments from £5k up to £300k to community and social enterprises operating in the North of England and the Midlands.

www.thekeyfund.co.uk



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