



Highlands and Islands Enterprise
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HELPING TO BUILD A SUCCESSFUL REGION

SINCE 1965

We are the economic and community development agency for the Highlands and Islands of Scotland. We've been working with organisations and communities for over 50 years to ensure the region remains successful and competitive.





LIVE



WORK



STUDY



INVEST



VISIT

About us:

We work in a diverse region which extends from Shetland to Argyll, and from the Outer Hebrides to Moray, covering more than half of Scotland's land mass. We have teams across the region helping communities and businesses to develop and grow. We help people across half of Scotland to build a stronger economy and a better future.

Our vision:

The Highlands and Islands is a leading net zero region with a dynamic wellbeing economy, which benefits its growing population and makes a valued contribution to Scotland.

Delivered through investment in four key priorities:

- People
- Place
- Planet
- Prosperity

Who we work with



BUSINESSES

We offer a range of support including advice, events, funding and property to help develop and grow business.



COMMUNITIES

We support communities across our dispersed region, recognising the pivotal role that strong, resilient and capable communities play in the overall success of our economy.



SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

We have a close working relationship with around 150 social enterprises across the Highlands and Islands through our client engagement approach.

Place-based approach to regeneration

- Place has always been at the heart of our strategic direction
- Inextricable link between economic and community development in the Highlands and Islands
- Long history of our place-based approach, with public sector, communities, businesses and the education sector
- Combining their knowledge, resources, skills and assets to make a difference



- Community wealth building forms a key element – supporting inclusive growth and equality and aims to retain and build wealth within a place, for the community.
- Communities are empowered to be active participants/partners in Community Wealth Building
- As a result, our region has high levels of community asset ownership, community participation and social enterprise development
- Our approach includes community resilience and capacity, enabling research, access to investment, leadership, innovation, volunteer development and impact measurement to help communities tell their story.



- **Place Based Development:** <https://www.hie.co.uk/remarkablecommunities>



Find out more about how we work with communities
at www.hie.co.uk/communitydevelopment

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