

MIDLOTHIAN VOLUNTARY ACTION

SOURCES OF INFORMATION - SOCIAL ECONOMY

ORGANISATION/SERVICE	CONTACT/WEBSITE	NOTES
<p>Business Gateway</p> <p>- massive amounts of information including business information, interactive tools and directories to help start and grow businesses</p>	<p>www.bgateway.com</p>	<p>- includes sections on Finance and grants; Taxes, returns and payroll; employing people; health, safety, premises; exploit your ideas; IT and e-commerce; sales and marketing; grow your business; regulations, licenses etc</p>
<p>Community Development Finance Association</p>	<p>www.cdfa.org.uk</p>	<p>Trade association for CDFIs (Community Development Finance Institutions)</p>
<p>CEL (Community Enterprise Ltd) - social enterprise offering consultancy and training to enterprising third sector organisations across Scotland - based in West Lothian.</p>	<p>www.communityenterprise.co.uk</p>	<p>Subsidised support for community enterprises; training; consultancy; publications etc</p>
<p>Cultural Enterprise Office - supports cultural and creative business throughout Scotland</p>	<p>www.culturalenterpriseoffice.co.uk</p>	
<p>Development Trusts Association Scotland</p>	<p>www.dtascot.org.uk</p>	<p>Support and information for development trusts</p>
<p>Forth Sector</p>	<p>www.forthsector.com</p>	<p>Run small businesses providing supporting employment to people with mental health problems, and provide business development services for social enterprises</p>

Inland Revenue (HM Revenue & Customs)	www.hmrc.gov.uk	Info on taxes
Midlothian & East Lothian Chamber of Commerce	www.melcc.org.uk	Website includes information on events & training etc. Also send out a free e-briefing.
Midlothian Voluntary Action (MVA) - Council for Voluntary Sector supporting voluntary sector in Midlothian	www.mvacvs.org.uk tel: 0131 663 9471 e-mail: info@mvacvs.org.uk	Website includes lots of information, including on: Funding; Events & Training; Applying for Charitable Status etc
Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR)	www.oscr.org.uk	Information on applying for charitably status; and for existing charities. Searchable database of charities registered in Scotland.
Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations	www.scvo.org.uk	Website includes model memorandum & articles and lots of information.
Scottish Government Enterprising Third Sector Zone	http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/15300/enterprising-organisation/Q/editmode/on/forceupdate/on www.scotland.gov.uk	
Scottish Social Enterprise Coalition - national collective voice for social enterprise in Scotland	www.ssec.org.uk	Website contains lots of useful information and resources

<p>SEAM - Social Enterprise Alliance Midlothian</p>	<p>www.seamidlothian.co.uk Contacts: Shona Maguire, Midlothian Voluntary Action Tel: 0131 663 9471 e-mail: shona@seamidlothian.co.uk</p> <p>Rebecca McKinney, Midlothian Council e-mail: Rebecca.mckinney@midlothian.gov.uk</p>	<p>Support for social enterprises in Midlothian</p>
<p>Senscot - for social entrepreneurs</p>	<p>www.senscot.net</p>	<p>Directory of Services, publications, info on Senscot services, toolkits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Steps to Enterprise; • Business Growth & Development; • Measuring Quality & Impact; • Legal & Compliance Issues
<p>Social Enterprise Academy</p>	<p>www.theacademy-sea.org</p>	<p>Training for established leaders, rising leaders, and new or potential leaders in social economy organisations.</p>
<p>Social Firms Scotland - provides support to Social Firms</p>	<p>www.socialfirms.org.uk</p>	<p>Social Firms are a type of social enterprise that focus on work integration for severely disadvantaged people</p>
<p>Social Firms UK</p>	<p>www.socialfirms.co.uk</p>	

Social Investment Scotland	www.socialinvestmentscotland.com	
UnLtd	www.unltd.org.uk	Supports social entrepreneurs
Voluntary Arts Scotland - aims to promote participation in the arts and crafts	www.voluntaryarts.org	Website contains lots of useful information - contains a separate Scottish section in addition to general info

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