Inclusive Innovation

Supporting positive societal and environmental change.

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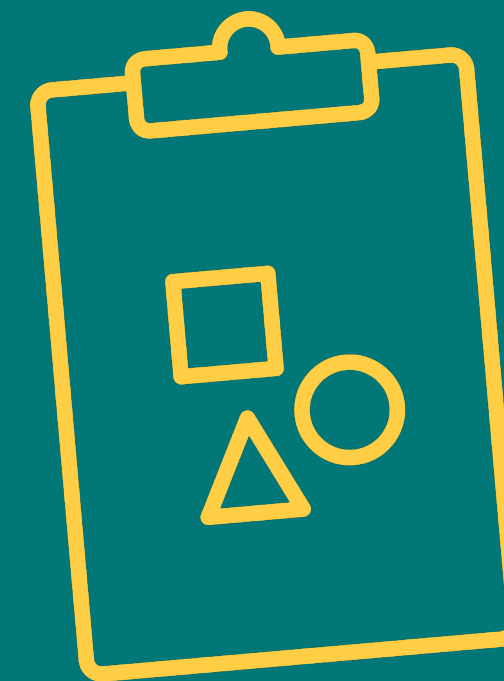
Programme aim + Participation

To facilitate and support innovation across Scotland's third sector.

The programme is designed to raise awareness of the support and resources available to organisations and individuals with innovative solutions that address societal and/or environmental issues within Scotland, and beyond.
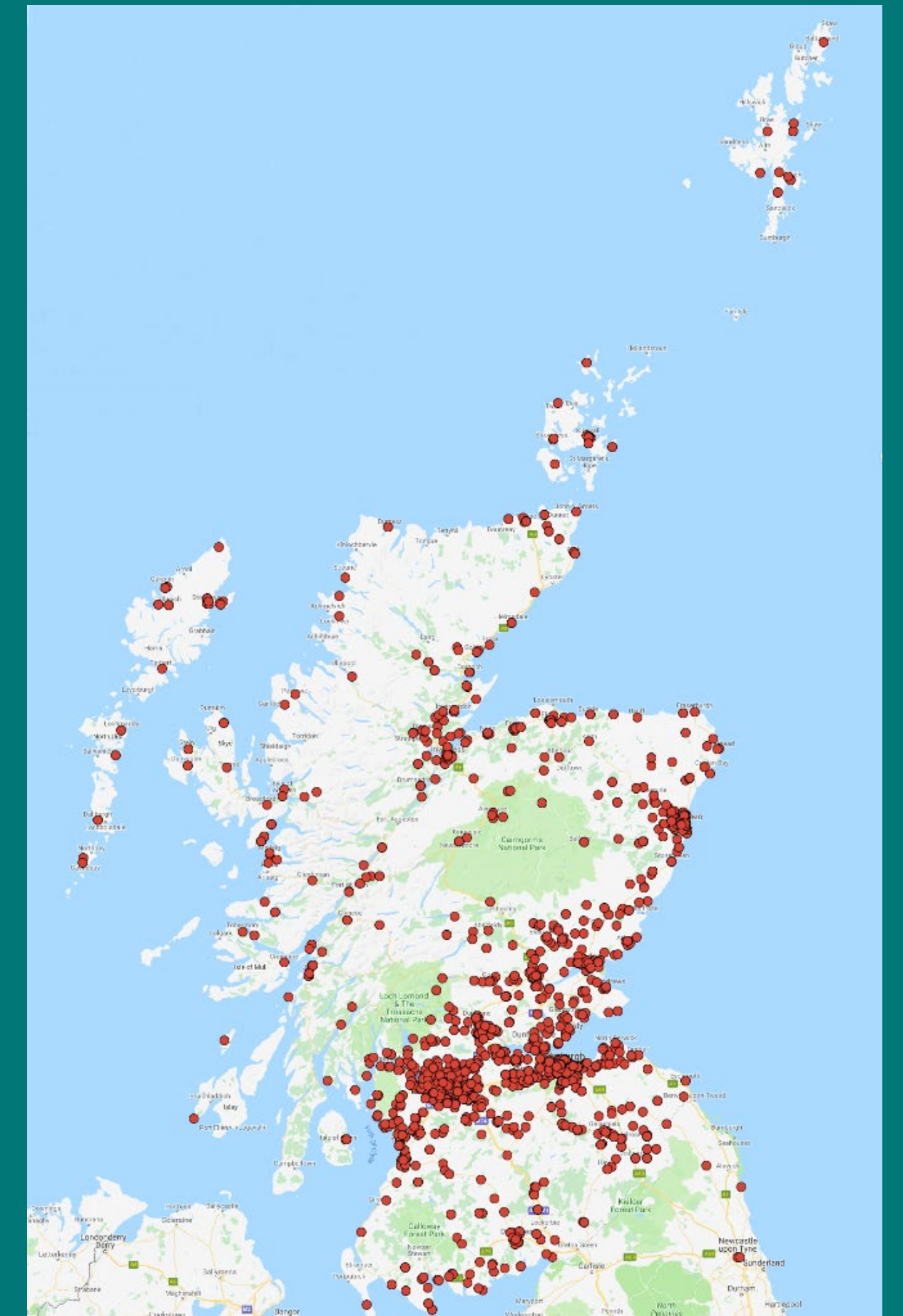
What support is available?

- **Accessing technical support**
- **Accessing specialist facilities & equipment**
- **Conducting detailed market research**
- **Identifying funding options**

All designed to help get your idea off the ground.

Facts & Figures

- **5,645 enquiry search specifications have been forwarded to academic partners**

- **3,449 businesses introduced to academic partners**

- **2,650 company and university collaborative projects initiated**

- **97% of businesses said that their project would either not have happened or taken longer without support from Interface**

- **92% of expertise searches identified capability and capacity within partner Universities / Research Institute's for consideration by the companies**

- **83% of businesses recorded reduced operating costs, increased productivity, profits, export, turnover and new or safeguarded employment**

- **71% of first-time company/university collaborations involved companies seeking expertise in a discipline different to their own business sector**

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Fireside Chat

Dr Siobhán Jordan

    Founder & Director, Interface

Alison Wood

    Founder and CEO of Floco (formally Lilypads)

Graeme Bisland

    Senior Research and Development Engineer, National Manufacturing Institute Scotland (hosted by the University of Strathclyde)

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How it works

1. **Attend one of our free online events. Register @ https://www.ceis.org.uk/inclusive-innovation/#event-calendar**

2. **Register your idea with Interface @ https://interface-online.org.uk/contact-us**

3. **Interface will work with you to understand your goals and objectives and find the right partner to address your needs.**

4. **Interface will provide continuous support, including identifying numerous funding opportunities to offset the cost of the project.**

£4m UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) Healthy Ageing Challenge

- Competition to support social enterprises develop products/services to tackle the impacts of ageing.

- Full funding of up to £150,000 for individual successful projects as a share of an overall £4 million.

- Projects need to be run by social entrepreneurs with the potential to scale up and will need to tackle one or more of:
  - the common complaints of ageing, such as impaired hearing, eyesight, mobility and supporting mental and physical well-being
  - sustaining physical activity for over 50's
  - living well with cognitive impairment
  - maintaining health at work
  - designing for age-friendly homes
  - supporting social connections
  - creating healthy and active places

https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/950/overview

Programme overview

- **14 interactive webinars across 7 themed sectors:**

  - **Health & Social Care**
  - **Environment & Net Zero**
  - **Property, Energy, Utilities, Land, Housing**
  - **Digital, Data & Fintech**
  - **Arts & Creative**
  - **Food, Catering & Hospitality / Agritech & Aquaculture**
  - **Tourism, Heritage & Festivals / Sport & Leisure**

Next Webinar - 2nd September @ 10am Environment & Net Zero

- Join us to hear how Sustainable Thinking Scotland CIC duo, Sean Kerr and Stephen McQueen worked with Interface to identify academic partners to develop scientifically proven production and application methods for Biochar.

- Biochar is a stable form of carbon, which when added to soil, slows down the release of CO2 into the atmosphere, drastically reducing its impact on the climate.

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