

# Inclusive Innovation

Supporting positive societal  
and environmental change.

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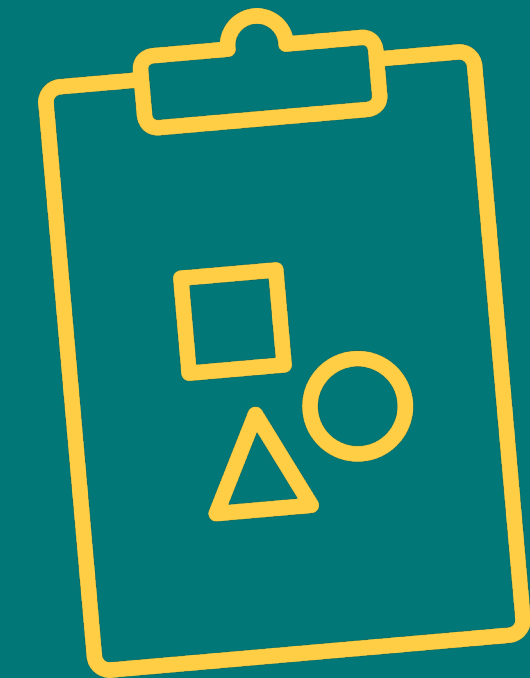
Property, Energy, Utilities, Land & Housing



# 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?

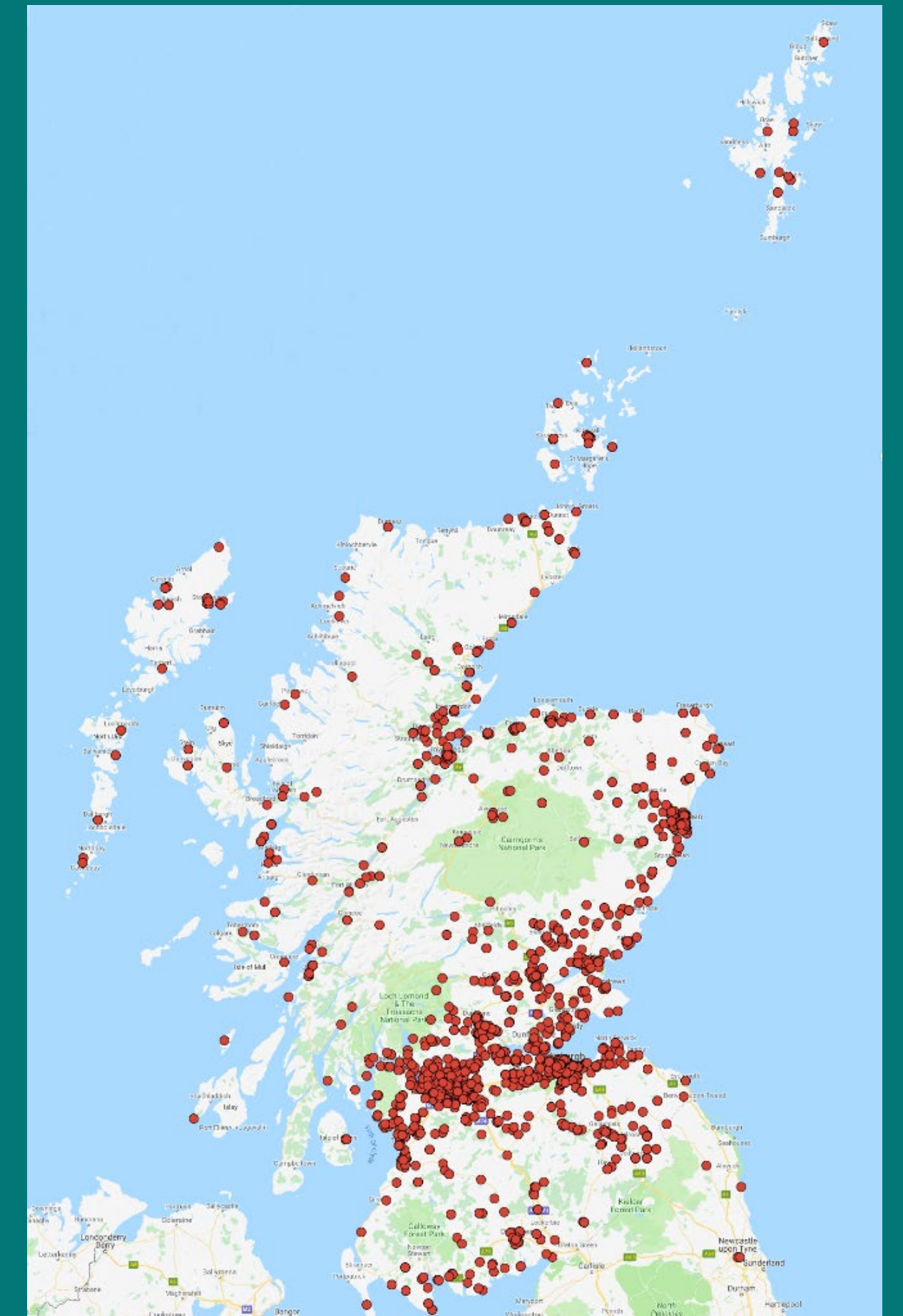
- Accessing technical support
- Accessing specialist facilities & equipment
- Conducting detailed market research
- Identifying funding options

All designed to help get your idea off the ground.



# Facts & Figures

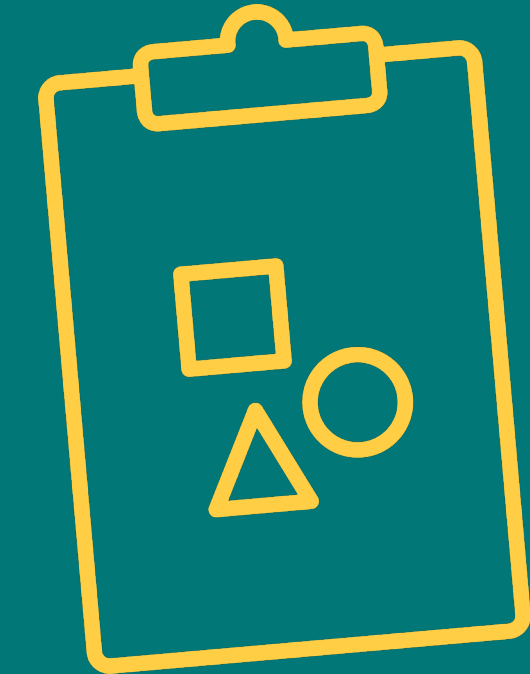
- **5,645 enquiry search specifications have been forwarded to academic partners**
- **3,449 businesses introduced to academic partners**
- **2,650 company and university collaborative projects initiated**
- **97% of businesses said that their project would either not have happened or taken longer without 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**



# Fireside Chat

**James Finnie**

**Senior Business Adviser, CEIS**



**Meg Deasley**

**Director of Property Services, Cairn Housing Association**

**Dr. Kate Carter**

**Senior Lecturer in Architecture, Environment and Technology,  
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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.**



# Scottish Universities Insight Institute (SUII) – Open Call

- The Scottish Universities Insight Institute (SUII) is a joint venture of six Higher Education Institutions (Aberdeen, Dundee, Glasgow School of Art, Heriot Watt, St Andrews and Strathclyde) which provides financial and logistical support to knowledge exchange projects aimed at improving policy and practice in Scotland and beyond.
- In this Open Call, the SUII Governing Board are particularly interested in supporting projects that help tackle pressing challenges and opportunities. These include:
  - Achieving a ‘just transition’ to net-zero
  - Recovery from the impact of Covid in an environmentally and socially sustainable way
  - Supporting the most vulnerable parts of the economy and society hardest hit by the pandemic, Adapting to the implications of Brexit
  - Building resilience to future shocks
  - Developing more effective collaboration
  - Strengthening democratic engagement



<https://www.scottishinsight.ac.uk/Opportunities/CallforProposals.aspx>

# 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 - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October @ 11am

## Agritech & Aquaculture

- Join us to hear how NjordFrey and University of West of Scotland successfully applied for a £300k grant to develop a Digital Health Monitoring System for Rwandan farms to improve food security in the developing world.
- Register here: <https://www.ceis.org.uk/inclusive-innovation/#event-calendar>

