

Inclusive Innovation

Supporting positive societal
and environmental change.

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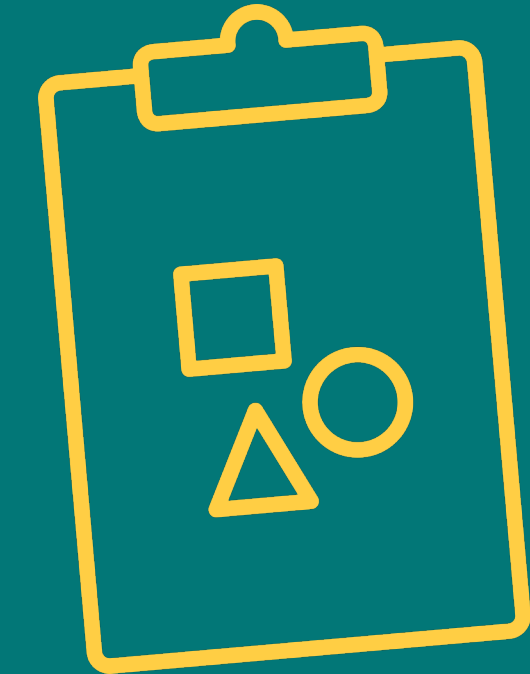


Interface
The knowledge connection for business

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?

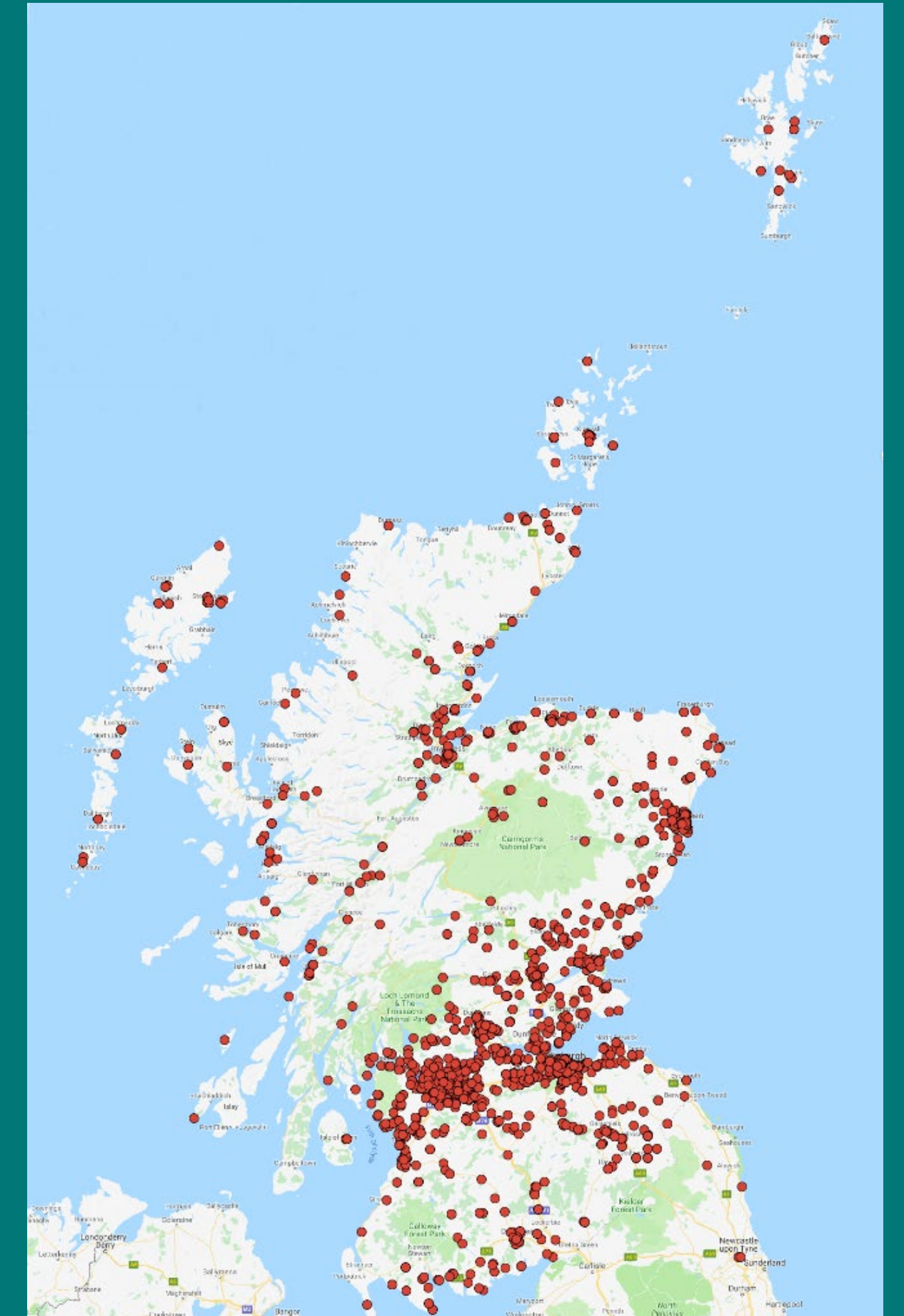
- Accessing technical support
- Accessing specialist facilities & equipment
- Conducting detailed market research
- Identifying funding options

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

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Business Engagement Manager, Interface

Dr. Sharon Macnab

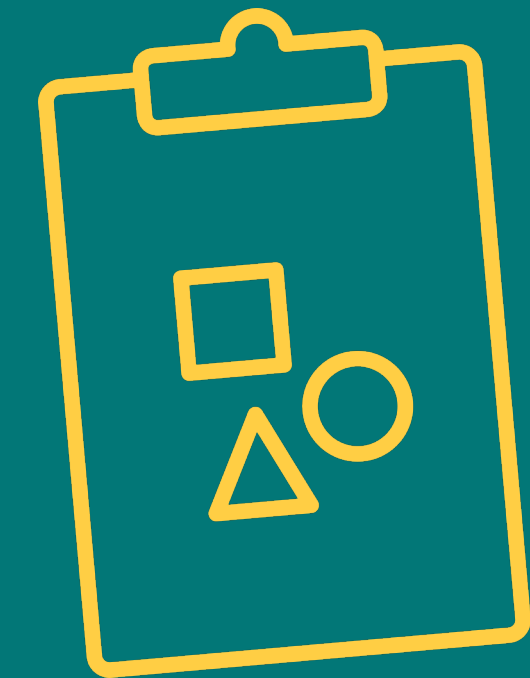
Science Partnerships Manager, Glasgow Science Centre

Dr. Andrew Manches

Senior Lecturer (cf. Associate Professor), University of Edinburgh

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Programme overview

- Recorded 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 26th May @ 10am

Development Trusts Association Scotland (DTAS)

- Hear how Newcastleton & District Community Trust (NDCT) applied for Interface support via the Inclusive Innovation programme in September 2022 and how, in three months, they had received expert advice from the National Manufacturing Institute Scotland (NMIS) to develop a detailed proposal to enable the community to consider constructing genuinely affordable, low carbon houses for the community utilising timber from their community owned forest.
- Register here: <https://www.ceis.org.uk/inclusive-innovation/#event-calendar>

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.

