

# Inclusive Innovation

Supporting positive societal  
and environmental change.

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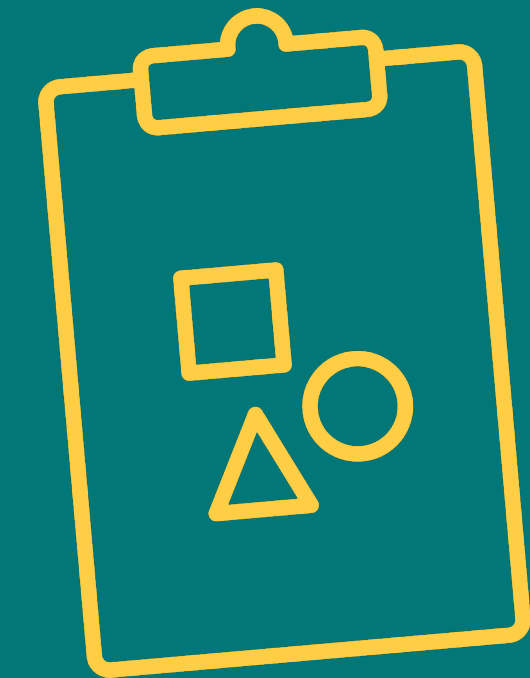


**Interface**  
The knowledge connection for business

# 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?

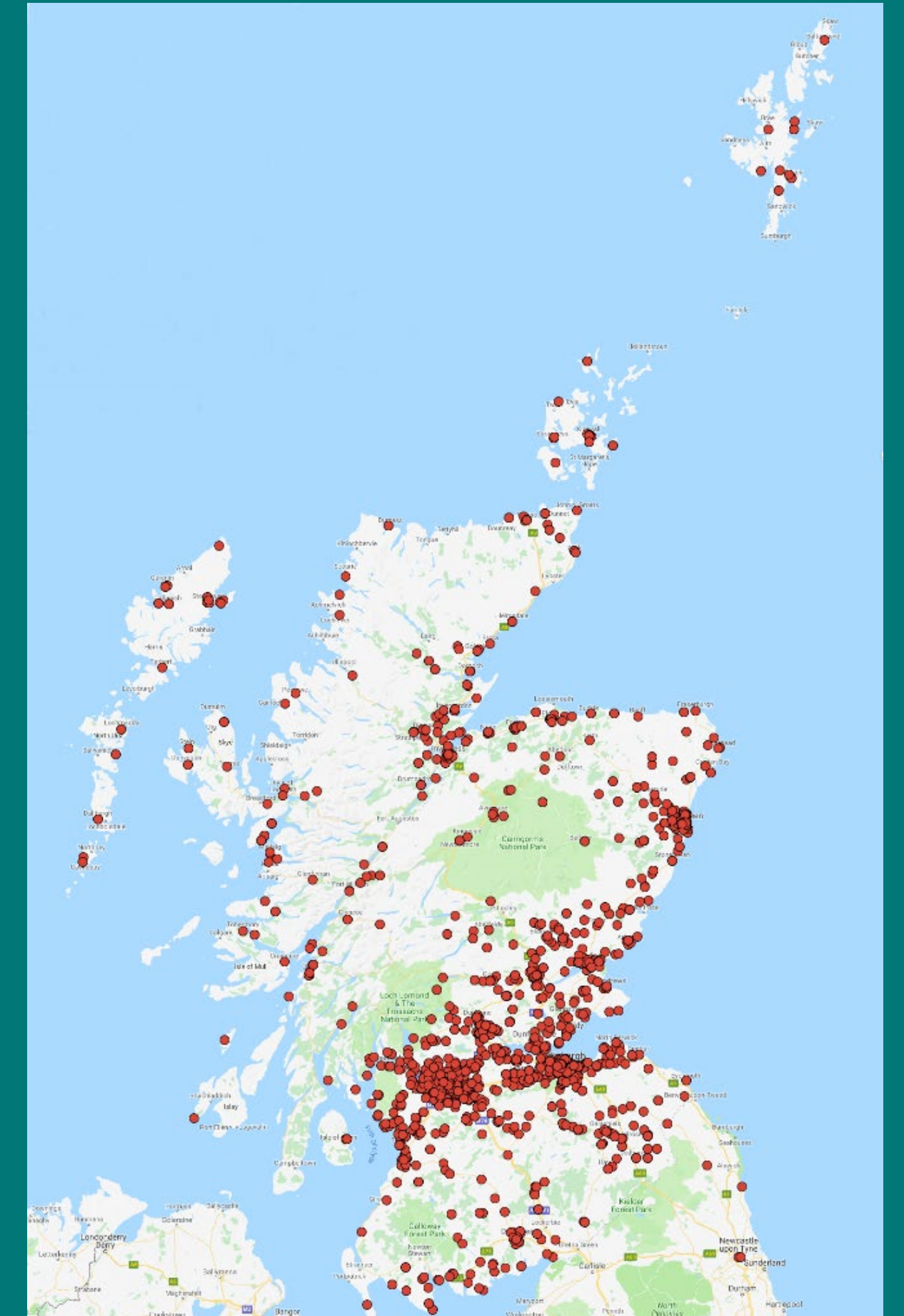
- Accessing technical support
- Accessing specialist facilities & equipment
- Conducting detailed market research
- Identifying funding options

All designed to help get your idea off the ground.



# Facts & Figures

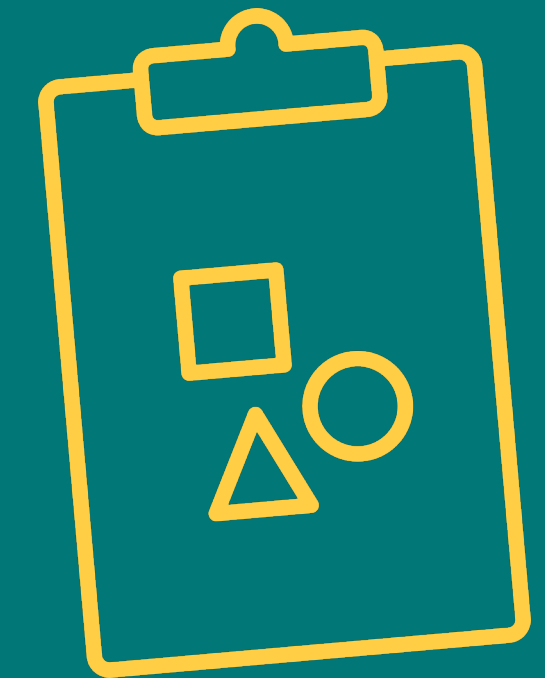
- 6,182 enquiry search specifications have been forwarded to academic partners
- 3,368 businesses introduced to academic partners
- 3,074 company and university collaborative projects initiated
- 97% of businesses said that their project would either not have happened or taken longer without support 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



**Barbara Elborn**

Secretary of Newcastleton & District Community Trust (NDCT)

**Hannah Leslie**

Knowledge Exchange Associate, National Manufacturing Institute  
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# Programme overview

- Recorded webinars across 8 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
  - STEM Education



# Innovation (IV) and Advanced Innovation Vouchers (AIV)

IVs are to start a new relationship between an organisation and a university/college to the value of £5k.

AIVs are aimed at building sustained relationships between organisations and universities/colleges who may have previously collaborated together or for those companies who are beginning their collaborative journey with an academic partner. A minimum of £2.5k cash contribution and £2.5k in kind is required which is then matched by the Scottish Funding Council up to a total project value of £20k.

Please get in touch via [applications@interface-online.org.uk](mailto:applications@interface-online.org.uk) to express interest, or to discuss options and eligibility in relation to the vouchers.

# 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.

