

Business Support Services

This table provides a summary of local business support suggested by each local authority. This is not a comprehensive list and there is, of course, a lot of other business support available. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or issues that this may cause.

Service / Area	Overview
Acorn Fund (Loan Service)	Specialist loan service for small and medium sized businesses in Hull, East Yorkshire, North East Lincolnshire and Scarborough who are unable to raise funds through their bank. ☎01482 324976 – Peter Sykes p.sykes@hullbdf.com www.hullbdf.com
Barnsley Development Agency – Enterprising Barnsley	Advice to local Barnsley businesses including small business coaching, access to finance, HR, premises and events. ☎01226 787535 investment@barnsley.gov.uk www.enterprisingbarnsley.co.uk
Bradford Kickstart	Supports individuals in Bradford who are thinking of becoming self employed or starting their own business. ☎0800 953 0503 info@bradfordkickstart.com www.bradfordkickstart.com
Bradford Rising Stars	Supports Bradford start up or existing businesses that have substantial growth potential. ☎01274 888113 info@risingstars.biz www.rising-stars.biz
Calderdale Council	Offers a range of business support services including; business start up advice, one-to-one support and start up grants. A programme of support for those aged over 50 through workshops and one-to-one. A mentoring service for new and growing small businesses. Advice and guidance for businesses of all sizes in Calderdale . ☎01422 392222 – Eric Binns - Business Start Ups ☎07734 333445 – Tim Digdill – 50+ programme (Silver Entrepreneurs) ☎01422 392146 – Jocy Hunter – Mentor Service ☎01422 392235/392810 – John Hodgson – Business Support Team

CDI Alliance	A level of free support to businesses across Yorkshire in arts, creative, digital, telecommunications, IT, media, electronic, print, innovation and technology sectors. Their website also hosts an events calendar. http://www.cdialliance.co.uk
Craven District Council	Advice and information on a variety of business areas in Craven . ☎01756 706214 www.cravendc.gov.uk
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	Support for people starting a business, young businesses and existing businesses, through one-to-one adviser support, workshops and business networks across the East Riding of Yorkshire . Also covers Inward investment and farm diversification. ☎01482 391710 – Adrian Shaw Adrian.shaw@eastriding.gov.uk www.eastriding.gov.uk/business
E-factor business support programme (North East Lincolnshire Council)	A wide range of business support in North East Lincolnshire , including; advice/information on starting and running a business, intensive start up support, mentoring, IT help/training and running an efficient business. www.efactor.co.uk
Hambleton District Council	Information and advice for businesses in Hambleton including workspace/property, funding schemes, loans and signposting to other council services. ☎0845 1211 555 info@hambleton.gov.uk
Hambleton Microloan	Interest free loans for small businesses in the Hambleton district with job creation prospects. Firms in the manufacturing, service, IT/digital or tourism sectors, setting up or proposing expansion are eligible to apply. ☎01609 767050 – Judith Turner Judith.turner@hambleton.gov.uk www.hambleton.gov.uk/business/business-support-and-advice/business-grants
Harrogate Borough Council	To stay informed about support for Harrogate district businesses sign up to Harrogate Borough Council's free e-newsletter – email <i>subscribe</i> to business@harrogate.gov.uk and join the on line business network at LinkedIn: Harrogate for Business. business@harrogate.gov.uk www.harrogate.gov.uk
Hull City Council	A point of contact for existing and start up businesses in Hull for services including start up, expansion, inward investment, premises, finance etc. ☎01482 612167 – Phil Hall or Paul Burnley Phil.hall@hullcc.gov.uk www.hullmeansbusiness.co.uk or www.hullcc.gov.uk

Kirklees Council Business Initiatives Unit	Co-ordinated business support including: advice and support for new business start ups, advice on business innovation, sustainability and growth, business to business networking and mentoring in Kirklees . ☎01484 221785 – Ahmed Khan or 07766 823054 – Charles Storr
Leeds City Council Employment & Enterprise Leeds	Employment Leeds – support and advice to employers on all aspects of recruitment. ☎0113 247 5862 employmentleeds@leeds.gov.uk www.leeds.gov.uk/jobs_and_careers/Employment_Leeds.aspx Enterprise Leeds – a comprehensive website providing details of current business support from organisations in the Leeds area, for both new and established businesses. www.enterpriseleeds.co.uk
North Lincolnshire Council	Support for potential investors, new and existing businesses in North Lincolnshire area. The service includes free information, advice, signposting and support across a broader range of business areas including; starting a business, local trading, property, inward investment, business grants and financial assistance, business development, labour market and skills. ☎01724 297330 businessinfo@northlincs.gov.uk www.northlincs.gov.uk/business
North East Lincolnshire Council	A different range of services are available to small / medium sized businesses in North East Lincolnshire including; a wage subsidy scheme, apprenticeship grant scheme and (launching December 2011) a mentoring service focussing on workforce related issues. www.nelincs.gov.uk/changeworks - wage subsidy scheme www.nelincs.gov.uk/change - apprenticeship grant scheme
Leadership and Management Specialist Advisory Service (Yorkshire & Humber)	Free advice, personal development planning and funding for small business owners in Yorkshire to support the development of their leadership skills. An eligibility criterion applies. http://www.exemplas.com/skills-and-training/leadership-and-management-specialist-advisory-service-/yorkshire-and-the-humber-leadership-and-management-specialist-advisory-service/
Richmondshire District Council	Information and advice for businesses in Richmondshire including workspace/property, funding schemes, loans and signposting to other council services. ☎01748 8291000 enquiries@richmondshire.gov.uk
Rotherham Investment and Development Office (RIDO)	A free service helping businesses in Rotherham with everything from finding the right premises/site, planning advice, recruitment/training, HR and supply chain. ☎01709 254444 www.rido.org.uk

Ryedale District Council	For information on local business support, contact Ryedale District Council, who will be able to put you in touch with organisations in your area which can offer help to your business. ☎01653 600666 ext 336 - Louise Lunn louise.lunn@ryedale.gov.uk
Scarborough Borough Council - Yorkshire Coast Business Gateway	A range of business support for Scarborough including Enterprise Coaches giving pre-start, start-up businesses. They also offer support to existing businesses through their business transformation team – including Access to Finance and workforce development. ☎01723 232325
Science City York – Business Mentor Programme	Designed to improve performance, competitiveness and profitability by supporting business leaders in high growth, small and medium sized businesses. A fully-funded service available to businesses in York, North Yorkshire, West Yorkshire and the Humber. ☎01904 217104 services@scy.co.uk http://scy.co.uk/business-mentoring
Success Doncaster	Support to start a business and for established businesses in improving workforce skills, access to mentoring and financial advice in Doncaster. ☎01302 734554
Sheffield Enterprise Programme	A free of charge service providing support to start-up and existing businesses in Sheffield , from ideas generation to business growth master classes. ☎0800 043 5522 gateway@senta.co.uk www.sheffield.gov.uk/business
UK Trade and Investment (UKTI)	Provides support to new and experienced exporters across Yorkshire. ☎0300 365 1000 info@uktiyorkshire.co.uk http://www.ukti.gov.uk/yorkshireandthehumber
Wakefield District Council	Currently offers some services for both start up and established businesses in Wakefield including inward investment – further development underway. ☎01924 305805 – John Ladley jladley@wakefield.gov.uk
York Enterprise City of York Council	Access to business support to businesses currently located in York as well as attracting new investment to the city. info@yorkenterprise.net www.yorkenterprise.net