

#### Who are Social Enterprise Scotland?

Social Enterprise Scotland (SES) is an independent, membership-led organisation and is the voice of social enterprise in Scotland. We champion social enterprise to create a supportive policy environment for social enterprises. We are the first point of contact for the media and public and promote a positive vision for social enterprise.

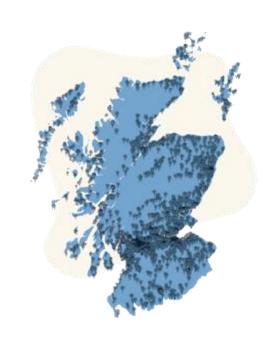




### A simple definition:

"Social enterprises are independent businesses with a specific social and/or environmental purpose and their profits are re-invested into that purpose."

See our website **socialenterprise.scot** for more information!





There's probably a social enterprise running a shop, art gallery, sports centre or cafe in your local area...

Practical examples in Scotland include:

Kibble Education and Care
The Big Issue
Edinburgh Remakery
Hey Girls
Link Group Ltd
Brewgooder
Social Bite
Mondragon
The Eden Project
Homes for Good (and many more!)





#### Business models include:

Company Limited by Guarantee (with added social mission etc.)

A registered charity or Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)

Community Interest Company (CIC)

Co-operative (inc. credit union)

Social Firm

**Development Trust** 

Housing Association / RSL





#### Social Enterprise in Scotland:

### Key Facts











Social enterprises currently operating in Scotland 89,970

Full-time equivalent employees in the sector

£2.63bn

Gross Value Added (GVA) to the Scottish economy

71%

Of Scotland's social enterprises are led by women









33%

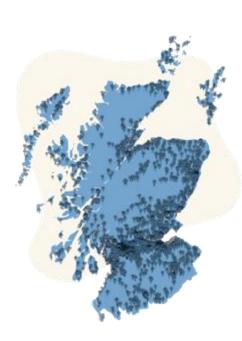
Of social enterprises are located in rural Scotland 56%

Of leaders identify their organisation as a social enterprise 7%

Of social enterprises have exported within the last 12 months

82%

Of social enterprises selling direct to consumers







85%

Of social enterprises pay at least the living wage to all employees



77%

Of social enterprises are incorporated



15%

Of social enterprises have won a public contract within the last year



£4.8bn

The total annual income of social enterprises in Scotland



£3.3bn

The earned income generated from trading activity



67%

Self-sufficiency, as a proportion of income covered by trading



£524m

In financial surplus generated by the sector



£7.0bn

The net worth of Scotland's social enterprises





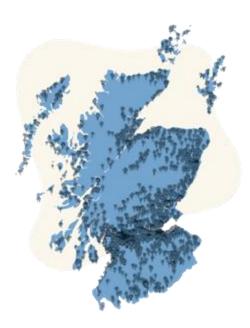
### History and context

- Community enterprise origins
- Social Enterprise in Anytown, John Pearce
- Senscot and the SSEC
- Social Enterprise Scotland
- The Single Enhanced Intermediary and Transition Group





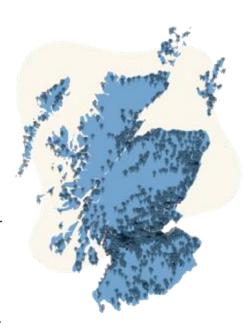
- Social enterprises in Scotland are often recognised as being "asset locked" so that only the community and society can profit from their work, buildings, land and other assets.
- Social enterprises must be sustainable i.e. trading as much as possible in order to meet their social and/or environmental mission.
- The Voluntary Code of Practice for Social Enterprise in Scotland was a set of guidelines used by some Scottish social enterprises (senscot.net/projects/secode)
- The term social enterprise shouldn't be confused with private businesses that simply operate in an ethical way, charities that don't trade or public sector arms-length companies (ALEOs).
- There's no single, legal definition of social enterprise in the UK. Definitions vary across the world and even within the UK. The business landscape is constantly evolving.





#### Business support, projects and policy

- Scotland's Social Enterprise Strategy (and related Action Plans)
- Just Enterprise specialist social enterprise business support
- Place-Based Social Enterprise Networks (SENs) and TSIs
- Buy Social Scotland, shopping website for consumers plus the private sector Buy Social Business
- Free webinars for anyone: members.socialenterprise.scot/events
- The Cross-Party Group (CPG) on Social Enterprise in The Scottish Parliament
- IDBM context, Community Wealth Building and wellbeing economy





Thank you!

Please take a look at the website for more information: socialenterprise.scot

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