

Starting-up in Oxfordshire

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Network Navigators for
Digital, Media & Publishing and Social Enterprises



World Class Oxfordshire

- **Life Sciences**
- **Advanced Engineering**
 - Automotive and motorsport
 - Composites
 - Cryogenics
- **Space-related Technology**
- **ICT / Digital**
 - Cyber security
 - Big data
- **Creative Industries**
 - Publishing
 - Media
 - Gaming
- **Energy & Environmental Technologies**
- **Social Enterprise County**



Oxfordshire – A Great Place for Start-ups

- 2 world-class Universities
- Big Science research – Culham, Harwell...
- Innovation Centres – Milton Park, Harwell, Begbroke, Bicester, Cherwell, Oxford Science Park, Headington...
- Hundreds of entrepreneur meetups – Startup meetup, Entrepreneurs Network, Oxford Entrepreneurs, Brookes Entrepreneurs, DHOx, Harwell Business Breakfast...

Business Support for Start-ups / Entrepreneurs

- Network Navigators for Entrepreneurs & Investors and for each of the key sectors
- Mentor groups – OBE (Oxfordshire Business Enterprises), OBM (Oxford Business Mentors), Leadershape
- Angel Networks – OEI (Oxford Early Investments), OION (Oxford Investment Opportunity Network), Isis Innovation, SBS Venture Fund...
- Pitchfest (Venturefest) – Next event in November

Business Support for Start-ups / Entrepreneurs

- Highlights from 2014/15:
 - Active networking sessions Entrepreneurs' Network, Startup Meetups etc
 - Pitchfest 12/2/15, 23 pitching companies 15 investors
 - Incremental employment of 22 people directly from the deployment of grants, with a committed total of 71
 - Direct fundraising since Nov 2013 includes: Equity £1,300K; Debt £500K; Grants £1,000K; vouchers and ISfB grants of £80K – Total >£2.9M

Business Support for Social Enterprise

- 2 Network Navigators for Social Enterprise across Oxfordshire to help access business support
- Community of over 250 social entrepreneurs
- 3 workspaces: Student Hub (Turl Street), Launchpad (Said Business School), The Hatch (Little Clarendon Street)
- Mentoring and start-up courses



Oxfordshire Social Entrepreneurship Partnership
Supporting social entrepreneurs and innovators across Oxfordshire



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- Highlights from 2015:
 - £90K RGF Wave 2 Growth Hub funding allocated in 2015 to 17 social enterprises to create new jobs (matched funding from universities and others)
 - Business support scheme including vouchers, start-up programmes, mentoring in 2015 - plans for more activity in 2015/16
 - Oxfordshire “Social Enterprise Place” with endorsements from MPs and Prime Minister



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