

Enterprise Information:

The following is a list of organisations and websites that provide key information on accessing funding for self-employment, different formats of setting up your own business, how to register when going self-employed or setting up your own business.

- **Prospects Web Pages on SELF-EMPLOYMENT** www.prospects.ac.uk/links/SelfEmp
- **The National Council for Entrepreneurship in Education** www.ncee.org.uk aims to raise the profile of self-employment and the option of starting your own business as a career choice for graduates. The NCGE runs the "Flying Start" programme to help students and graduates put their business ideas into practice – see www.flyingstartonline.com for details
- **Business Link** www.businesslink.gov.uk government online resource to help you start up, funding (www.gov.uk/business-finance-support) improve and grow your business.
- Guidance for business and academic organizations on Innovate UK's funding competitions to test ideas and develop innovative products and service. www.gov.uk/guidance/innovation-apply-for-a-funding-award
- **The Prince's Trust** www.princes-trust.org.uk offers free business advice and low-interest loans to help unemployed young people (aged up to 30) set up their own business
- **Shell Livewire** www.shell-livewire.org help for 16-30 year olds aiming to start their own business
- **Company Bug** www.companybug.com new site aimed at aspiring entrepreneurs.
- **Bytestart** Bytestart.co.uk advice site for the self-employed and limited company owners.
- **Portobello Business Centre** www.pbc.co.uk free, industry-informed advice and courses for budding entrepreneurs and SMEs
- **Lloyds TSB Business Guide** www.lloydstsbusiness.com/support/businessguide.asp Over 80 business guides free for anyone considering self employment or starting their own business.
- **Local Chambers of Commerce** may also be able to help: find your nearest www.britishchambers.org.uk
- **NESTA** www.nesta.org.uk the National Endowment for Science, Technology & the Arts runs a number of award programmes, which support innovators from inventors and engineers to filmmakers and musicians
- **Progressive Sports** www.sport-franchise.co.uk/ was started back in 2006, and continues to operate its services in schools and communities around Staffordshire in the Midlands. The step was taken to Franchise the business back in 2009, so that the Progressive Sports experience could be experienced across the whole of the UK!
- A guide to self-employment <https://www.simplybusiness.co.uk/knowledge/articles/2016/12/going-self-employed-in-the-UK-a-self-employment-guide-to-get-started/>
- Business support for organizations in Richmond Upon Thames location <https://startuprichmond.com/>
- HMRC **YouTube** clip that outlines how to register if you become self-employed or set up your own business. www.youtube.com/watch?v=c4t8VHANIJY