

Thrive

A new accelerator for ambitious social ventures wanting to scale their impact

Launching Thrive

UnLtd have launched 'Thrive', a brand new three-year Accelerator programme which will provide intensive support to social ventures addressing 'Access to Employment' and wanting to scale up quickly. We are looking for 20 social ventures operating anywhere in the UK that are improving access to employment for those distant from the labour market.

Thrive is a unique and exciting programme which gives you the chance to grow your business, and ultimately deliver greater social impact. We are looking for ventures who can evidence traction in their market and who can point to social impact being delivered.

What we are offering

Each successful social venture will receive six months of intensive 1:1 bespoke business support alongside additional pro-bono support from a number of flagship partners, such as UBS and Hogan Lovells. Our support is tailored, but is built around:

- Business planning, financial modelling & strategic advice
- Raising capital
- Developing routes to market
- Accessing specialist advice
- Developing governance
- Evidencing impact and refining your theory of change

We are also offering the opportunity to secure up to £50,000 of repayable capital if it is appropriate for your growth plans.

Need more information and want to talk to a member of the Ventures team in person?

Join us for a relaxed and informal drop in session so that you can hear more about the new Thrive Employability Ventures programme at UnLtd.

What is happening?

Your chance to hear about the programme from a member of the Ventures Team and ask questions, speak to a participant of a recent Venture programme about their experiences, and network with other social ventures doing a similar thing to you. We will also be providing some nice refreshments for you.

Please register your interest through Eventbrite by clicking on the link below venue.

They are happening on the following dates at the following locations:

Manchester

Tuesday 6th March 1.30 – 3.30pm

Manchester Digital Laboratory CIC MadLab, 36-40 Edge St, Manchester M4 1HN

Register:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thrive-a-social-accelerator-drop-in-session-tickets-43018381136>

London Central

Wednesday 7th March 1 – 3pm

UnLtd, 123 Whitecross Street, Islington, London EC1Y 8JJ

Register

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thrive-a-social-accelerator-drop-in-session-tickets-43018406211>

London in partnership with Barking Enterprise Centre CIC

Thursday 8th March 1 – 3pm

Barking Enterprise Centres CIC, 50 Cambridge Road, Barking IG11 8FG

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thrive-a-social-accelerator-drop-in-session-tickets-43018492469>

Bradford

Tuesday 13th March 1 – 3pm

UnLtd, 2a Mill Street, Bradford BD1 4AY

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thrive-a-social-accelerator-drop-in-session-tickets-43018620853>

Bristol

Wednesday 14th March 1 – 3pm

Engine Shed, Station Approach, Temple Meads, Bristol BS1 6QH

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thrive-a-social-accelerator-drop-in-session-tickets-43024849483>

Newcastle

Monday 19th March 1 – 3pm

The Business Clinic at Northumbria University 97 New Bridge St, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 2SW

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thrive-a-social-accelerator-drop-in-session-tickets-43091051495>

Birmingham

Tuesday 20th March 1 – 3pm

Unit G2, The Arch, 48-52 Floodgate St, Birmingham B5 5SL

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thrive-a-social-accelerator-drop-in-session-tickets-43018518547>

How to apply

Expressions of interest are now open and the deadline to join the 2018 programme is Tuesday, 27 March 2018 at 11:59.

If successful, full applications need to be submitted by Tuesday, 24th April.

Interviews for shortlisted applicants will take place on 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 11th and 12th June.

The programme of support will run from 2nd July until 21st December 2018.

For more information and to submit an expression of interest, visit unltd.org.uk/thrive/