



SOCIAL ENTERPRISE AWARDS SCOTLAND

2026 Programme





SOCIAL ENTERPRISE AWARDS SCOTLAND

Contents

3	A message from our CEO
4	Video and Content Sponsor
5	Sponsors
6	Agenda
7 - 8	Social Enterprise of the Year finalists
9 - 10	One to Watch finalists
11 - 12	Environmental Social Enterprise finalists
13 - 14	Building Diversity, Inclusion, Equity and Justice finalists
15 - 16	Health and Social Care finalists
17 - 18	Social Enterprise Innovation of the Year finalists
19 - 20	Education, Training and Jobs finalists
21 - 22	Consumer Facing Social Enterprise finalists
23 - 24	IDBM Community Wealth Building finalists
25 - 26	Buy Social Scotland Market Builder finalists
27 - 28	Social Investment Deal of the Year finalists
29 - 30	Social Enterprise Employee Champion
31 - 32	Social Enterprise Volunteer Champion
33	The People's Choice Award

Welcome

It's a real pleasure to welcome you to this year's Social Enterprise Awards Scotland. Tonight is about celebrating the people and organisations who show us, every day, what business can achieve when its purpose is to make lives better.

Across Scotland, social enterprises are creating jobs, strengthening communities, tackling inequality and protecting our environment. They're doing so at a time when costs are rising and demand for their services is growing. Their determination, creativity and achievements deserve to be recognised.

For Social Enterprise Scotland, these awards are about more than recognising success. They're about bringing our movement together, celebrating its contribution and showing what a fairer, stronger Scottish economy can look like.

To everyone who entered, made the shortlist or helped an organisation get this far, thank you. And to our sponsors and partners, thank you for helping us make this celebration possible.

Most of all, congratulations to our finalists. I hope you enjoy the evening, make some new connections and take a moment to feel proud of what you've achieved.



Chris Martin
CEO, Social Enterprise Scotland

Video and Content Sponsor

Ayrshire Film Company CIC are a video production social enterprise which creates high quality, engaging content for organisations across Scotland.

We use our assets, expertise and experience to support young people and the wider community in all aspects of new media via innovative training and real world opportunities.

For more information, please visit Ayrshire Film Company CIC's website.



Sponsors

The Social Enterprise Awards Scotland 2026 would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors.

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE AWARDS SCOTLAND

Agenda

6pm	Drinks, canapés and networking with entertainment from Pitch Classic
6.35pm	Guests seated
6.45pm	Welcome from Chris Martin, CEO, Social Enterprise Scotland
6.50pm	Opening remarks from our compères, Lou and Ellis Beardsmore of Proud Futures, as well as the Social Innovation Challenge and the first of our Award announcements
7.20pm	First Minister's address
7.30pm	Two course dinner service
8.45pm	Performance from ACE VIS!ON
8.50pm	The remaining Social Enterprise Awards winners will be revealed
10pm	Entertainment from Francis Bondd

Social Enterprise of the Year

Sponsored by Keegan & Pennykid



Change Please Scotland

Change Please Foundation (Scotland) is part of a pioneering global social enterprise that exists to end homelessness through coffee. Blending purpose with profit, the organisation proves that great coffee can be a catalyst for lasting change. While Change Please operates across multiple countries, its Scottish operations are uniquely tailored to local need — with a clear focus on sustainable employment and holistic support.



Community Renewal Trust

Community Renewal Trust is a social enterprise working to end persistent poverty through community-led regeneration, employability, health improvement, and research.
Working across 5 complimentary, but distinct operations, Community Renewal Trust listens, connect people to the support they need and builds upon strengths. As an organisation it is transforming how Scotland can end persistent poverty and inequity.

COPE Ltd

COPE Ltd is a well established and successful social enterprise and charity which provides employment and skill development for adults with learning disabilities or autism.
COPE Ltd sells goods and services to individuals, local authorities and private businesses. All profits or surpluses are always reinvested back into the company to fulfill our social and environmental purposes.



Flexible Childcare

Flexible Childcare provides flexible early learning and school age childcare for families with children of all ages. The flexibility of its model means that parents can book by the hour, pay as they go and use their funded entitlement flexibly as well.
Flexible Childcare also provides numerous clubs for children with Additional Support Needs across Aberdeenshire.
All of its services are designed to remove childcare as a barrier to working, studying or accessing respite.



Kanzen for Life

Kanzen for Life is an award winning registered Scottish charity and social enterprise committed to building better lives and stronger communities through the power of physical activity, wellbeing, and social connection.



One to Watch

Sponsored by PwC UK



Bean 2 Work CIC

Bean 2 Work CIC is a new social enterprise committed to creating employability opportunities for individuals through professional training and hands-on experience in the coffee industry.



Craig Molloy Coaching

Craig Molloy Coaching C.I.C was founded with the aim of connecting as many people as possible in Inverclyde through the power of football.
The organisation was set up to provide opportunities for all, giving everyone a chance to play, learn and grow through sport regardless of background, ability or circumstances.



Creative Arts Therapies Space CIC

Creative Arts Therapies Space CIC (CATS) is a shared therapeutic space dedicated exclusively to HCPC and UKCP registered creative arts therapists located in Edinburgh. Operating from 43–45 Easter Road, CATS provides purpose-built rooms for art, music, and dramatherapists to run their practices, alongside a growing programme of community-facing therapy and outreach.

Murtle Market

Murtle Market is a sustainable social enterprise charity which has been developed as part of Camphill School Aberdeen's Building Futures, Transforming Lives appeal. This sustainable shop, café, and heritage hub is its first public-facing venture and provides the development of skills, meaningful work opportunities and place of authenticity for children and young adults with learning disabilities and complex additional support needs.



Shore Psychology CIC

Shore Psychology offers mental health services and neurodiversity assessments to children, young people and adults who find it difficult to access the support they need through statutory services. They also provide psychological training and consultancy to public, private and third sector organisations, focussing on how to improve staff wellbeing, retention, leadership, and develop positive working cultures.



Training Days Banffshire CIC

Training Days is a training and skills development organisation that works with adults with learning disabilities, autism, and mental health challenges. The organisation provides practical, hands-on training programmes designed to help individuals develop life skills, improve confidence, increase independence, and build employability skills through meaningful activities and community engagement.



Environmental Social Enterprise

Sponsored by Morgan Sindall Construction



Changeworks

Changeworks is a leading organisation dedicated to decarbonising Scotland's homes and a just transition to net zero. They deliver services in energy advice, retrofit management, and decarbonisation solutions, alongside independent consultancy. Through partnerships across the UK, Changeworks help accelerate the transformation of Scotland's homes toward sustainability.



New Start Highland

New Start Highland is working towards a future where people in Northern Scotland live comfortably, free from hardship, crisis, and instability and are instead equipped to realise and make the most of their potential. It's mission is to create opportunities for people to find the right support, in the right environment so they can transform their lives. It does this by providing a range of services including support, training, furniture provision and mentoring.

Remake Scotland

Remake is an award-winning creative reuse charity based beside Crieff Visitor Centre in Perthshire, Scotland, which supports its community to move towards a circular-economy by minimising waste, increasing climate awareness and expanding reuse and repair skills. It does this through a range of activities including: a Reuse Hub, a Tool Library, workshops and climate education programmes.



Scarf

Scarf delivers practical, high-impact energy advice services to households, communities, and organisations across Scotland. Established in 1985 and based in the North East, they work to tackle fuel poverty, improve energy efficiency, and drive environmental change.



The Edinburgh Remakery

The Edinburgh Remakery is an award-winning charity and social enterprise helping people, communities and organisations unlock the power of repair and reuse to protect our planet and strengthen society. As Scotland's leading Social ITAD provider, it securely collects, data-wipes and refurbishs surplus IT. Beyond tech, we champion textile and creative repair, diverting waste, creating green jobs and building stronger, more resilient communities across Scotland.



Building Diversity, Inclusion, Equity & Justice

Sponsored by Arachas[3]



Arkbound Foundation SCIO

Arkbound Foundation is the only independent charity in the UK concerned with improving accessibility and diversity within both publishing and journalism. Over the years, Arkbound have supported the publication of a range of books by authors from disadvantaged backgrounds that cover important social or environmental themes. Through its workshops and mentoring programmes, Arkbound have reached people who would otherwise be excluded and communities who face multiple levels of deprivation - building skills, improving capacity and creating new opportunities.



Datakirk

Since 2019, DataKirk has been using technology to drive social impact through innovative programmes. Their initiatives, Data-Driven Dressmaking, STEM Drone Programme, and GEN-AI Intergenerational Programme, empower underrepresented groups, including women, ethnic minorities, and older adults, by equipping them with digital skills and fostering inclusive economic participation.

Glasgow Girls Club

Glasgow Girls Club was set up in 2014 to open doors to opportunities and pathways for girls and young women facing adversity, so they can build brighter futures for themselves and their communities. In addition to its work creating spaces where young women can co-design projects and campaigns, it also develops media and digital tools that amplify voices, spark collaboration, and create employability opportunities for young women.



Studio Lutalica

Studio Lutalica is a women and queer-led design studio and social enterprise based in Edinburgh. Founded in 2020 by Cecilia Righini, our studio is supported by a diverse, international team. We work with social justice movements, charities, and values-driven brands and organisations to build accessible, ethical websites and inclusive branding that has real-world impact.



The Bread Maker

The Bread Maker is a social enterprise in Aberdeen that gives opportunities to adults with learning disabilities, through it's apprenticeship programme, helping people who would find it difficult to get a job or training in most ordinary businesses. Additionally the bread makers continuous personal development program ensures that everyone has the opportunity to maximise their own potential to become fully active members of society, valued for their abilities, skills and experience.



Health and Social Care

Sponsored by Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (ALLIANCE)



Get Active Coaching CIC

Get Active Coaching CIC is a community-led social enterprise dedicated to improving health, wellbeing and quality of life through accessible, evidence-based strength and physical activity programmes. Established to tackle health inequalities and remove barriers to exercise, the organisation provides inclusive coaching services that help people become healthier, happier and more active, regardless of age, background or previous experience.



Highland Well-Ness Collective

Highland Well-Ness Collective (HWC) is a community-rooted social enterprise based in Inverness, delivering person-centred counselling, community mental health programmes, and specialist neurodivergent support across the Highlands. Its mission is to ensure mental health services in the Highlands are accessible and approachable, promoting better mental well-being, raising awareness and building a resilient community of collaborative connections.

Pathfinder CIC

Pathfinder CIC is a trauma-informed wellbeing and training organisation, helping people regulate their nervous systems before stress develops into burnout, addiction, poor mental health or long-term sickness absence. It combines somatic trauma-informed principles, grounded in neuroscience, with NADA Acupuncture to provide practical, evidence-informed support that helps people move from surviving to thriving.



Scottish Men's Shed Association

The Scottish Men's Shed Association (SMSA) supports the creation and development of Men's Sheds across Scotland. The SMSA's sole focus is to support, promote and represent Men's Sheds and its members. It assists Scotland's Shedders and their supporters to create Men's Sheds in their community to benefit their health and wellbeing across Scotland.



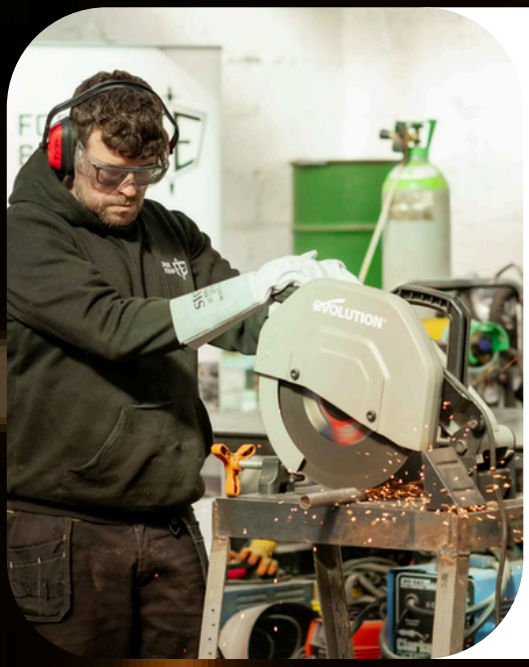
SeAscape

Established in 1999, South Ayrshire Escape from Homelessness (SeAscape) began delivering support to the homeless community and those at risk of homelessness through their Rent Deposit Guarantee System and since that time has helped thousands of people with housing and poverty issues. Since 2012, Seascape has also been providing housing support services on behalf of South Ayrshire Council.



Social Enterprise Innovation of the Year

Sponsored by Community Enterprise



Forge and Equip CIC

Forge and Equip CIC is an employability-focused social enterprise based in East Lothian that uses commercial welding and fabrication as a vehicle for social impact. It supports adults facing barriers to employment, including low confidence, poor mental health, gaps in employment history, social isolation, addiction recovery and involvement with the criminal justice system, by providing practical training, work experience and personalised support within a real working environment.



Humanitix

Humanitix is the ticketing platform that dedicates 100% of profits to charity. Booking fees help provide access to education, healthcare and life's basic necessities to millions of humans across the world. Humanitix offers a stress-free ticket management experience, lower fees and real human support. And with nearly 20 million tickets sold across the world, ticket buyers love that every ticket they buy has a positive impact.

Socialudo

Socialudo designs and delivers serious games for social change. Founded in 2023 by Professors Vikki McCall and Alasdair Rutherford, the organisation builds on academic research in housing, social policy, and economics to create immersive, co-produced experiences that help people step inside complex systems, feel their contradictions, and find the imagination to change them.



Wester Community Unity Market

Started in September 2025 the Wester Common Unity Market, currently held monthly by The Courtyard Pantry, offers a range of high-quality fresh fruit and vegetables to its local community at a low-cost, affordable price.
Wester Common Unity Market works with local suppliers to source products including bread, cakes and other consumable goods to sell at the market.



Education, Training and Jobs

Sponsored by Glasgow City Council



All Together Edinburgh

All Together Edinburgh is a social enterprise that creates meaningful pathways into learning, employment and community participation for adults with learning disabilities and autism.
For 15 years it has combined commercial success with social impact through an innovative training model based within our charity retail operation in Leith.



Bright Futures at BRAG Enterprises

Bright Futures from BRAG Enterprises is a dynamic, person-centred service for 16-24 year olds across Fife. Designed to support Young People affected by Adverse Childhood Experiences, the programme offers engaging, accessible provision that helps young people progress towards sustainable employment.



The Bread Maker

The Bread Maker is a social enterprise in Aberdeen that provides opportunities like its apprenticeship programme, which supports adults with learning disabilities, gain access to training and employment

Narture CIC

Narture CIC is a community food and arts social enterprise based in Ayr, transforming communities through food, art and creativity. Founded in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic by father-and-daughter artist team Robert and Saskia Singer, Narture emerged from a series of pop-up cultural events in vacant town centre buildings. Since then, it has grown into a thriving social enterprise dedicated to regeneration, creativity and community wellbeing.



Scotland's Bravest Manufacturing Company

Scotland's Bravest Manufacturing Company (SBMC) is an award-winning Social Enterprise based in the Erskine Veterans Village, Bishopton. It is a Division of national charity, Royal British Veterans Enterprise (RBVE) and was launched in 2018 to create supportive employment opportunities for veterans and others with disabilities.



Scran Academy

Scran Academy is a youth-led catering social enterprise on a mission to see every young person, regardless of background or barrier, realise their full potential in learning, work and life. Too many young people in our most challenged communities never realise their talents or aspirations due to the effects of social inequality and poverty. Scran Academy exists to change that.

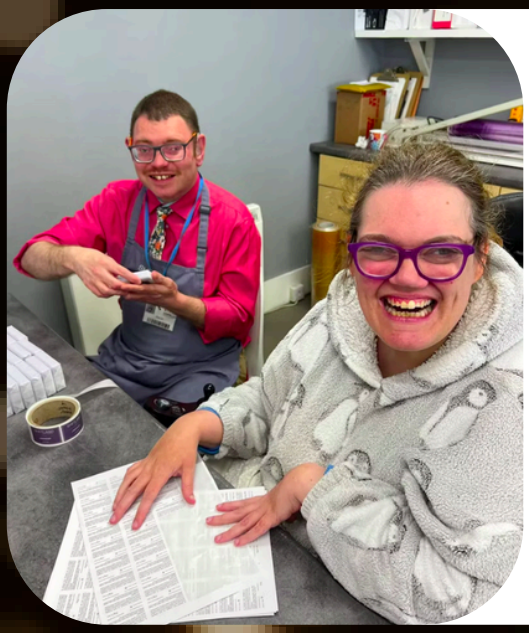


Consumer Facing Social Enterprise



Caledonia Cremation

Caledonia Cremation was set up in 2018 by the charity Community Renewal Trust to provide affordable funerals and campaign against funeral poverty in Scotland.
Its aim is to be the most trusted brand among those who are bereaved in Scotland, offering everyone a dignified and caring direct cremation, regardless of their means.



COPE Ltd

COPE Ltd is a well-established social enterprise based in Shetland dedicated to creating meaningful volunteering, skills development and supported employment for adults with learning disabilities or autism.
Operating since 1998, the organisation combines commercial activity with strong social impact, offering supported work placements across its three diverse business units.



Homelands Trust-Fife

Homelands Trust-Fife is an award-winning social enterprise and charity based on the Fife coast, providing luxury, accessible self-catering holiday accommodation for people with disabilities, long-term health conditions and their families, friends and carers.

Hey Girls

Founded in Scotland, Hey Girls was created to challenge the way business is done. Every product it sells helps someone else access the period products they need through its Buy One, Donate One model. Together with its customers and partners, Hey Girls have donated more than 50 million period products across the UK.



Narture CIC

Narture CIC is a community food and arts social enterprise based in Ayr, transforming communities through food, art and creativity. Founded in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic by father-and-daughter artist team Robert and Saskia Singer, Narture emerged from a series of pop-up cultural events in vacant town centre buildings. Since then, it has grown into a thriving social enterprise dedicated to regeneration, creativity and community wellbeing.



Unicorn Markets

Founded in February 2023, Unicorn Markets is a community-anchored social enterprise established to drive town centre regeneration, social inclusion, and local economic resilience in Bathgate, West Lothian. The organisation's flagship operation is Bathgate Market, a vibrant, high-footfall open-air marketplace operating weekly on a leased site on Whitburn Road that was previously a derelict car park.



IDBM Community Wealth Building

Sponsored by Balfour Beatty



First Aid Training Co-op

First Aid Training Co-operative's (FATC) mission, first and foremost, is to provide first aiders with the knowledge and confidence to save lives. It is dedicated to delivering first aid training to businesses, the voluntary sector and local authorities as well as individuals from all walks of life.



Point and Sandwick Trust

Point and Sandwick Trust promotes and funds community projects in Point and Sandwick, and the wider Western Isles. The Trust built and operates the UK's biggest community wind farm, Beinn Ghrideag, a ten year project which is now one of the most successful income generators in the Western Isles.

Every year, Point and Sandwick Trust supports projects of all sizes and are committed to achieving positive change.

Scarf

Scarf delivers practical, high-impact energy advice services to households, communities, and organisations across Scotland. Established in 1985 and based in the North East, they work to tackle fuel poverty, improve energy efficiency, and drive environmental change.



The Circle

The Circle exists to make it easier for socially minded organisations in Dundee and Glasgow to build community wealth, by providing space, sharing expertise, and connecting them to the support they need to create meaningful, local, long-term change. It provides “affordable rent” offices, meeting rooms and event spaces, mainly to charities, social enterprises, community groups and socially conscious private businesses. It also runs consultancy and training, including the delivery of “Just Enterprise” business support in Dundee and Angus.



Unicorn Markets

Founded in February 2023, Unicorn Markets is a community-anchored social enterprise established to drive town centre regeneration, social inclusion, and local economic resilience in Bathgate, West Lothian. The organisation’s flagship operation is Bathgate Market, a vibrant, high-footfall open-air marketplace operating weekly on a leased site on Whitburn Road that was previously a derelict car park.



Buy Social Scotland Market Builder

Sponsored by AtkinsRéalis



Datakirk

Since 2019, DataKirk has been leveraging technology to drive social impact through innovative programmes. Their initiatives, Data-Driven Dressmaking, STEM Drone Programme, and GEN-AI Intergenerational Programme, empower underrepresented groups, including women, ethnic minorities, and older adults, by equipping them with digital skills and fostering inclusive economic participation.



Dundee Social Enterprise Network

Dundee Social Enterprise Network (DSEN) is the membership and representative body for social enterprises in Dundee, working to strengthen the local social enterprise sector by supporting organisations to grow, collaborate and increase their social impact through trading. It supports both aspiring and established social enterprises by providing one-to-one support, helping organisations access funding and loan opportunities, navigate procurement and tendering processes, strengthen governance and develop sustainable business models.

Edinburgh Social Enterprise Network

Edinburgh Social Enterprise Network supports, promotes and develops social enterprise in Edinburgh and serves as a hub creating social and economic growth. It exists to champion social enterprises to create lasting social, economic and environmental impact across Edinburgh, through networking and promotion.



Impact Hub Inverness

Impact Hub Inverness, the trading name of HISEZ CIC, supports the start-up and growth of social enterprises and SMEs across the Highlands and Islands. Established in 2003, it provides specialist business support, strategic consultancy and enterprise development services that help organisations become financially sustainable, resilient and better equipped to deliver lasting social impact.



Keegan and Pennykid

Founded in Edinburgh in 1968, Keegan & Pennykid is an independent, second generation, family-owned insurance broker. From its Edinburgh based office, it provides insurance advice throughout the UK to over 5000 individuals, businesses, social enterprises, charities and voluntary organisations.



Social Investment Deal of the Year

Sponsored by Good Finance



Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF) and Govan Workspace

The Architectural Heritage Fund provided Govan Workspace with a £300,000 loan, unlocking the completion of a stalled £2.3 million redevelopment project, transforming Govan Old Church into a fully operational and sustainable community asset. The new community hub will deliver multiple socio-economic benefits long into the future.



Firstport and Just Breathe O2

Just Breathe O2 was founded in 2021 to make hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) more accessible to people in the South of Scotland where specialist services can be limited.

Through its Catalyst Fund, Firstport provided investment to Just Breathe O2 to purchase and install a four-seat hyperbaric chamber to enhance service capacity and accessibility. The new chamber enables Just Breathe O2 to reach more people living with long-term health conditions, increase community impact and deliver a more efficient and sustainable service.

Foundation Scotland and New Start Highland

New Start Highland is an inverness-based social enterprise working to alleviate poverty in the Highlands. Delivery of its Training and Reuse Village, the first of its kind in Scotland, was made possible due to investment from Foundation Scotland that filled a funding gap.



Social Investment Scotland and Strathdearn Community Developments (SCD)

SCD is a community-led charity and social enterprise, established to benefit the local community through sustainable development. Through investment from Social Investment Scotland for Viaduct View, SCD's Affordable Homes Project, the partnership has delivered a transformative, community-owned affordable housing developing in the rural Highlands.



Scottish EDGE and Fair Feast

Fair Feast is a social enterprise butchery in Perthshire. It was established to address two significant challenge facing rural Scotland: increasing food insecurity and environmental damage caused by overpopulated wild deer. Scottish EDGE investment has been instrumental in enabling Fair Feast to establish its permanent retail and processing operation, creating local jobs and strengthening the rural economy.



Social Enterprise Employee Champion



Beverly Campbell

South Ayrshire Escape from Homelessness (SeAscape) Ltd.

As Social Enterprise and Income Development Manager, Beverly consistently goes above and beyond for her colleagues and the organisation as a whole, ensuring they continue supporting those who rely on SeAscape's services.



Cara McGurn

Morphfit Gentle Movement Project

Cara began her time at MorphFit Gentle Movement Project as a volunteer over 4 years ago. Now, as a Special Populations Instructor, she supports vulnerable groups through accessible lifestyle interventions. These include exercise, nutrition and alternative health and wellbeing support.

David Tan

Edinburgh Social Enterprise Network (ESEN)

David has a multi-faceted role at ESEN, combining finance and marketing duties. Since coming into post in 2024, David has transformed the organisation's social media and presence across Edinburgh, as well as providing tailored support for its members.



Emma Sithole

Be United

Emma co-founded Be United in 2013 with Boysie Gumede in South Africa. Since moving to Scotland in 2014, Emma has continued to grow Be United, identifying opportunities for Black creatives across all 16 recognised creative industries in Scotland.



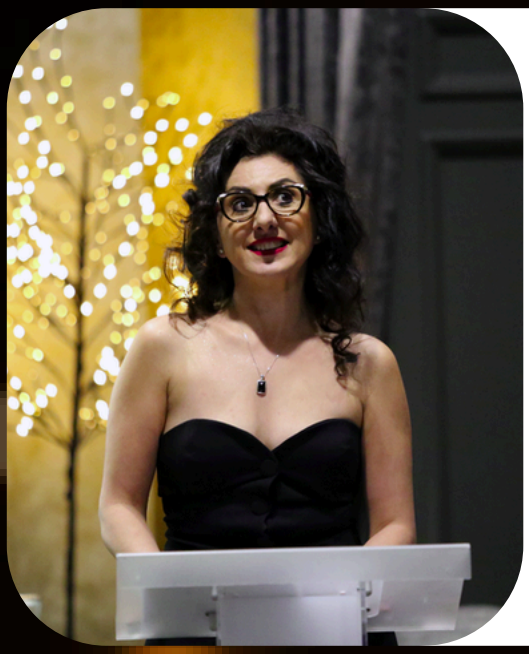
Hannah Davidson

Kanzen for Life

Hannah Davidson joined Kanzen for Life in August 2025 after graduating from Abertay University with an Honours degree in Sport and Exercise Science. Over the past year, she has led the development of new services, supported a new partnership with Dundee and Angus College, and been the driving force behind "Resilience", a new book featuring stories of resilience from 12 individuals.



Social Enterprise Volunteer Champion



Delia Smith Bucur

Women Ahead Enterprise

Delia Smith Bucur is the volunteer Founder, Chair and CEO of Women Ahead Enterprise, a social enterprise that supports women in business across Dundee and Angus. In May 2022, as the organisation faced closure, Delia stepped up to save it, and has since transformed it from the ground up, into a thriving community of over 400 members.



George Macdonald

The Bread Maker

Since his retirement 3 years ago, George has been a board member on The Bread Maker's board. He has been instrumental in promoting the charity and social enterprise in innovative ways and taken an active role in the organisation's delivery. As a member of The Bread Maker's Apprentice Committee, George supports apprentices, staff and fellow volunteers in outreach activities.

Hazel Smith

All Roads Lead to Whithorn

Hazel is Chair of All Roads Lead to Whithorn, a community development trust in the South of Scotland. Under her leadership, the organisation has evolved from an ambitious grassroots concept into a highly successful social enterprise tackling rural isolation and economic hardship.



Marlyn O'Connor

Crafting Together

10 years ago, Marlyn planted the seed for Crafting Together, before becoming its first Volunteer Leader. Since then she has been instrumental in supporting the organisation's growth and assisting the Artists and Makers, all whilst in a volunteer capacity.



Elizabeth Spencer

Aberdeen Ethnic Minority Women's Group

Elizabeth is the volunteer Founder of Aberdeen Ethnic Minority Women's Group, a social enterprise that is committed to empowering ethnic minority women in Aberdeen. Through community advocacy, Elizabeth provides circular, community-led support to the organisation's members and growing the essential grassroots work.



The People's Choice Award

We are delighted to bring back our popular People's Choice Award which was introduced in 2025.

Unlike our other categories that have been judged by a panel of experts, this special award is decided entirely by public vote, recognising the nominee who has made the greatest impression on our community.

Congratulations to our finalists, and thank you to everyone who took the time to vote and share their support.

