**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM**

**Intensive Business Support Programme**

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| **ABOUT THE INTENSIVE BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAMME** |
| The Argyll and Bute Intensive Business Support Programme is a 12 to 16 week focused programme of support delivered online, designed specifically to help small business owners take a fresh look at their business. It combines a range of tools and expert support with tailored individual and group activities, to create a practical and deliverable approach. There is no cost to participants.  The programme is suitable for ambitious small businesses seeking to scale up within the next 3 to 5 years, including:   * increasing turnover significantly; * improving profitability; * employing additional full-time staff within the next 18 months; and * extending beyond local markets.   **To submit an expression of interest in participating, please email this fully completed form** [**business.grants@argyll-bute.gov.uk**](mailto:business.grants@argyll-bute.gov.uk)  A Business Gateway adviser will be in touch to discuss your business after you have submitted this form.  This project is funded by the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund  [UK Shared Prosperity Fund: prospectus - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus) |
| **ELIGIBILITY** |
| **Please answer the following questions:**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **YES or NO** | **Please answer Yes or No to the following questions:** | |  | **My business is based in Argyll and Bute** | |  | **My business is micro or small sized** (fewer than 50 employees and less than €10m turnover or balance sheet total of less than €10m) | |  | **My business has been actively trading for at least 6 months** | |  | **My business provides full-time employment for me (or a member of staff) at the current Real Living Wage or above, OR has clear potential to do so within 12 months** | |

****If you answer “No” to any of these questions you are not eligible to be considered for the programme.

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| **1. CONTACT DETAILS** | | | |
| **Full Name** |  | | |
| **Position in the business**  (owner, director, manager) |  | | |
| **Business Name** |  | | |
| **Business Address** |  | | |
| **Postcode** |  | | |
| **Telephone Number** |  | **Mobile Number** |  |
| **Email** |  | | |
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| **2. BUSINESS INFORMATION** | | | |
| **Start date**  (when active trading started) |  | | |
| **Website** or social media links |  | | |
| **Please provide an overview of the business, including:** | | | |
| **Your products/services** |  | | |
| **Sector(s)**  Which sector(s) are you currently active in and which sectors would you like to develop activity in? |  | | |
| **Ambitions for your business**  where would you like to be in 3 years? |  | | |
| **Top 3 challenges currently facing your business** |  | | |
| **What would you like to gain from participation in the programme?** |  | | |
| **Where did you hear about this support?** |  | | |

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|  | **Current year (Actuals)** | **+ Year 1:** | **Goal for + Year 3-5** |
| **Number of employees**  **(Full-time equivalent, including yourself)** |  |  |  |
| **Turnover from International Sales** | **£** | **£** | **£** |
| **Total Annual Turnover** | **£** | **£** | **£** |
| **% of sales outwith Argyll and Bute (approximate)** |  |  |  |