**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**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:**

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| **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**  |

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****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)** |  |  |  |