



Oifig
Fiontair
Áitiúil

Local
Enterprise
Office

Sign-Posting & Networking

*...Let's talk
business*



Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil Lú

Local Enterprise Office Louth

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How to Connect and Engage with Support for your Business

There are a large number of Government and non-government supports for Irish start-ups and small businesses that may be able to help, depending on the stage of development and sector of operation. This booklet is to help you navigate the range of supports to see which could possibly apply.

Please note, this is only an initial guide. Your 'first port of call' is Local Enterprise Office Louth to establish the suitability of these potential supports. See also the accompanying booklet 'Sources of Financial Support'.

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or check www.supportingsmes.ie

STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT

Local Enterprise Office Louth
www.localenterprise.ie/Louth

Dundalk IT
www.dkit.ie

Ardee Business Park & Training Centre
www.ardeebusinesspark.ie

Intreo
www.welfare.ie

Louth Meath Education & Training Board
www.louthmeath.etb.ie

Skillnets
Subsidised training courses for employees
www.skillnets.ie

SOLAS
Further education and Training Authority
www.solas.ie

ENERGY

Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland
www.seai.ie

INDUSTRY/SECTOR BODIES

Arts Council

www.artscouncil.ie

Construction Industry Federation

www.cif.ie

Culture Ireland

www.cultureireland.gov.ie

Design & Crafts Council of Ireland

www.dccoi.ie

IBEC

Irish Business Employers

Confederation

www.ibec.ie

ISME

Irish Small and Medium

Enterprises Association

www.isme.ie

Social Entrepreneurs Ireland

Develop new, innovative solutions to address entrenched social and environmental challenges

www.socialentrepreneurs.ie

Small Firms Association

www.sfa.ie

Irish Film Board

www.irishfilmboard.ie

Institute of Chartered Accountants

www.charteredaccountants.ie

IVCA

Irish Venture Capital Association

www.ivca.ie

RETAIL ASSOCIATIONS

Ardee Business & Traders association

www.ardeetown.com

Drogheda & District Chamber of Commerce

www.droghedachamber.com

Dundalk Chamber of Commerce

www.dundalk.ie

Retail Excellence Ireland

www.retailexcellence.ie

Retail Ireland

www.retailireland.ie

RGDATA

Retail Grocery Dairy & Allied

Trades Association

www.rgdata.ie

EMPLOYER BODIES

Construction Industry Federation

www.cif.ie

IBEC

www.ibec.ie

ISME

www.isme.ie

Small Firms Association

www.sfa.ie

AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES & FOOD SECTOR

Bord Bia

Irish Food Board
www.bordbia.ie

Bord Iascaigh Mhara

Irish Sea Fisheries Board
www.bim.ie

Food Safety Authority

www.fsai.ie

FoodWorks

Creating Global Food Entrepreneurs
www.foodworksireland.ie

Health & Safety Authority

www.hsa.ie

Health Service Executive

www.hse.ie

Department of Agriculture, Food & Marine

www.agriculture.gov.ie

Teagasc

Irish Agriculture and Food
Development Authority
www.teagasc.ie

North East Food Hub

www.ardeebusinesspark.ie

TOURISM & HERITAGE

Culture Ireland

Promoting Irish Arts Worldwide
www.cultureireland.gov.ie

Fáilte Ireland

National Tourism Development Authority
www.failteireland.ie

Design & Crafts Council of Ireland

www.dccoi.ie

Louth County Council

www.louthcoco.ie

Louth Heritage

www.louthheritage.ie

Irish Film Board

www.ifb.ie

Údarás Na Gaeltachta

Regional Authority for the
Economic, Social and Cultural
Development of the Gaeltacht
www.udas.ie

Louth Leader Partnership

www.louthleaderpartnership.ie

REGULATORY BODIES



**COMPANIES REGISTRATION
OFFICE**

www.cro.ie

**BORD IASCAIGH MHARA
Irish Sea Fisheries Board**

www.bim.ie

ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AGENCY

www.epa.ie

**FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY
OF IRELAND**

www.fsai.ie

HEALTH & SAFETY AUTHORITY

www.hsa.ie

**DATA PROTECTION
COMMISSIONER**

www.dataprotection.ie

**NATIONAL STANDARDS
AUTHORITY OF IRELAND**

www.nsai.ie

**OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF
CORPORATE ENFORCEMENT**

www.odce.ie

PATENTS OFFICE

www.patentsoffice.ie

**REVENUE COMMISSIONERS
OFFICE**

www.revenue.ie

**WORK PLACE RELATIONS
COMMISSION**

www.workplacelrelations.ie



EXPORTING EU AND BEYOND

Enterprise Europe Network Ireland
www.een-ireland.ie/

Enterprise Ireland
www.enterprise-ireland.com

Intertrade Ireland
Cross border business development
advice and resources
www.intertradeireland.com

Irish Exporters Association
www.irishexporters.ie

SOLVIT
Informal problem-solving
network for EU citizens
www.solvitireland.ie

*Supports to Start or
Grow your Business*

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

**Department of Agriculture, Food
and Fisheries**
www.agriculture.gov.ie

Department of Finance
www.finance.gov.ie

**Department of Jobs, Enterprise
& Innovation**
www.djei.ie

Department of Social Protection
www.welfare.ie

Office of Government Procurement
www.procurement.ie

Patents Office
www.patentsoffice.ie

COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE CENTRES

**ARDEE BUSINESS PARK &
TRAINING CENTRE / NORTH
EAST FOOD HUB**
www.ardeebusinesspark.ie

CREATIVE SPARK Dundalk
www.creativespark.ie

**THE MILL
DROGHEDA**
themilldrogheda.ie

**REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT
CENTRE at DkIT**

**MILLMOUNT
DEVELOPMENT
CENTRE Drogheda**
www.rdc.ie

FUNDING YOUR BUSINESS

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE LOUTH
www.localenterprise.ie/Louth

CREDIT REVIEW OFFICE
www.creditreview.ie

ENTERPRISE IRELAND
www.enterprise-ireland.com

**HBAN
HALO BUSINESS ANGELS
NETWORK**
www.hban.org

IRISH RESEARCH COUNCIL
www.research.ie

IVCA
Irish Venture Capital Association
www.ivca.ie

LOUTH LEADER PARTNERSHIP
www.louthleaderpartnership.ie

INTERTRADE IRELAND
www.intertradeireland.com

**IRELAND STRATEGIC
INVESTMENT FUND**
www.ntma.ie

**IRISH LEAGUE OF
CREDIT UNIONS**
www.creditunion.ie

MICROFINANCE IRELAND
www.microfinanceireland.com

SBCI
**Strategic Banking Corporation
of Ireland**
www.sbc.gov.ie

FUNDSME
www.fundsme.ie

COMMUNITY FINANCE IRELAND
www.communityfinance.ie

ENTERPRISE & STARTUP NETWORKS

Startup Ireland
Growing Ireland's Start-up Community
www.startupireland.ie

**Drogheda & District Chamber
of Commerce**
www.droghedachamber.com

Dundalk Chamber of Commerce
www.dundalk.ie

Ardee Business and Traders Association
www.ardeetown.com

Network Louth
www.networklouthmeath.com

PLATO EBR
www.platoebr.com



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Further Information

Local Enterprise Office Louth | www.localenterprise.ie/Louth

Louth County Council | www.louthcoco.ie

Supporting SMEs | www.supportingsmes.ie

Enterprise Ireland | www.enterprise-ireland.com

Local Enterprise Offices | www.localenterprise.ie

Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation | www.djei.ie

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European Regional
Development Fund



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