



Oifig
Fiontair
Áitiúil

Local
Enterprise
Office

Sign-Posting & Networking

*...Let's talk
business*



Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil Dún na nGall

Local Enterprise Office Donegal

Sign-posting & Networking

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 Donegal 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 Donegal
www.localenterprise.ie/Donegal

Letterkenny Institute of Technology
www.lyit.ie

Intreo
www.welfare.ie

Donegal Education and Training Board
www.donegaletb.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

Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce

www.letterkennychamber.com

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

The Food Coast Donegal

www.donegalfoodcoast.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

Irish Film Board

www.ifb.ie

Donegal County Council

www.donegalcoco.ie

Údarás Na Gaeltachta

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

FUNDING YOUR BUSINESS

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE

Donegal

www.localenterprise.ie/Donegal

CREDIT REVIEW OFFICE

www.creditreview.ie

ENTERPRISE IRELAND

www.enterprise-ireland.com

HALO BUSINESS ANGELS NETWORK

www.hban.org

IRISH RESEARCH COUNCIL

www.research.ie

IVCA

Irish Venture Capital Association

www.ivca.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

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

DONEGAL WOMEN IN BUSINESS

www.donegalwomeninbusiness.com

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.workplacerelations.ie



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Further Information

Local Enterprise Office Donegal | www.localenterprise.ie/donegal

Donegal County Council | www.donegalcoco.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

Revenue Commissioners | www.revenue.ie

Companies Registration Office | www.cro.ie

Irish Franchise Association | www.irishfranchiseassociation.com

These booklets have been designed as a guide only. Readers are advised to seek professional guidance before making any financial or legal commitment.



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