



BUSINESS IN THE COMMUNITY'S NETWORK

We are one of the UK's largest and most influential responsible business networks, working together to improve social mobility and climate action. Our community of around 160 businesses champion the responsible business agenda across a range of sectors in Scotland.

WHY WE EXIST

We believe that business is a force for good and that responsible leadership, collaboration and knowledge can tackle some of the most pressing issues of today.

OUR VISION
A fairer, greener, more prosperous world driven by successful, responsible and sustainable businesses.

OUR MISSION
We convene the network of purposeful leaders
to take action to transform lives and help the
planet and communities thrive.





BE MORE PROFITABLE, RESILIENT, TRUSTED, AND IMPACTFUL AS A MEMBER OF BITC'S NETWORK

- > Access all the information you need to accelerate growth and achieve your goals.
- ➤ Build a legacy of social and environmental purpose for your business and demonstrate the credibility of your mission and values.
- > Amplify your story to reach new audiences, customers, partners, talent and consumers.
- Connect into a national network of business leaders, community organisations, local authorities and experts.

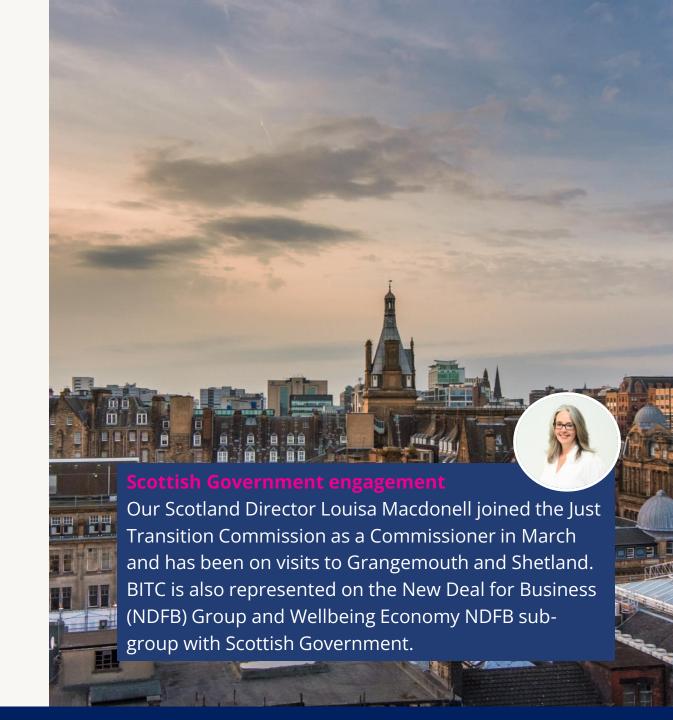
"PwC UK is a proud member of Business in the Community - a powerful, impactful and action-orientated community using its convening power to make a fairer, greener and more equal Scotland and UK, together"

Mairi McInnes, Director, Global Clients & Industries PwC & Place & Purpose lead, PwC UK and BITC Scotland Board Member



WHY BUSINESSES WORK WITH US

- ✓ Impactful delivery 'on the ground' that brings social impact strategy to life
- ✓ Skills-based volunteering opportunities to increase community impact and staff wellbeing
- ✓ Senior executive networking to support highquality connections with likeminded leaders
- Practitioner peer-learning for confident growth and decision-making
- ✓ **Intersectional consultancy** to increase impact
- Connected to local, Scottish and UK governments and the third sector in Scotland to drive systemic change





WHO WE WORK WITH

A GLANCE AT OUR NETWORK OF 600+ BUSINESSES



















































A YEAR AT A GLANCE

We are always led by member conversations when planning our networking opportunities. The below timeline demonstrates the wealth of events and opportunities available to our network members to collaborate, network and lead collective action across a typical year:

28 May: Job Coaching volunteering programme
Lunch and Learn to hear about the business benefits of the programme around employee professional development and how the programme is improving social mobility and employment prospects for individuals across the UK.

11 June: Race at Work
Reception hosted by Deloitte
in Edinburgh where we will
be reviewing the Scottish
Census data on ethnicity
released in May and what
this means for HR
Practitioners and members
of Staff Networks focusing on
Inclusion.

19 June: Glasgow Place Breakfast meeting hosted by Wheatley Housing Group in Glasgow where we are inviting any business interested in investing and engaging in our Place project to hear more.

9 October: Wellbeing Leadership Roundtable an opportunity for Leaders to here about the latest research and how they can drive the wellbeing topic at top level in a business. November: Aberdeen Network meeting BITC host quarterly network meetings in partnership with Aberdeen Community Planning to enable businesses to drive responsible action in the area.

2024

29 May: Opening Doors: What Works event hosted by Ovo in Glasgow where we launched recent research on highlighting effective strategies employers can adopt to support jobseekers from low socioeconomic backgrounds.

12 June: Race Leadership Roundtable hosted by Deloitte in Edinburgh where we will review how the Scottish Census data on ethnicity released in May can be used by businesses leaders to drive positive change in their workplaces.

September: Aberdeen Place meeting hosted as a part of an Aberdeen Community Planning conference welcoming any business interested in investing and engaging in our Place project to hear more.

5 November: Championing Responsible Business event with breakouts on Social Mobility, Place and Wellbeing. March 2025: 2025
Seeing is Believing Visit
bringing senior business
leaders to communities to
understand the
challenges that need to
be addressed, and the
power of driving change
through business action.





SCOTLAND LEADERSHIP BOARD

Input from Business in the Community's members helps shape all our activity across Scotland. The following team of senior employees from Scottish businesses and organisations make up our Scotland Leadership Board. We work closely with this inspiring group of business to leaders to inform our strategy and activities in Scotland.

Current chair: Judith Cruickshank, Managing Director, Commercial Mid-Market, Scotland NatWest Group



AEGON UK James Mackenzie,General Counsel and
Company Secretary



BUSINESS STREAM Jo Dow,Chief Executive



DWF LLP Caroline Colliston,Executive Partner Scotland



ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR Adam Lovelock, Vice President/Managing Director, Scotland and Northern Ireland



FWB PARK BROWN Lindsay Cramond, Director



HYDROCK SCOTLAND Marc Pawson,Regional Director



PWC Mairi McInnes, Director



ROBERTSON
Graeme Hannah,
Director of Sustainability and
Social Impact



SODEXO Angela Halliday, Director of Social Impact UK&I



THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT Gary Gillespie,Chief Economic Advisor



WHEATLEY GROUP Stephen Henderson, Group Chief Executive



WHATEVER YOUR FOCUS, WE CAN HELP YOU DELIVER

SOCIAL IMPACT

- Established Place programme
- Community volunteering
- Bespoke delivery programmes
- Scotland leadership
- Strategic consultancy

SOCIAL MOBILITY

- Community delivery
- Established Place programme
- Campaigning
- Progress frameworks

RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS STRATEGY

- Strategic partnerships and national leadership
- Consultancy
- Materiality assessment
- RB Health check

ENVIRONMENT

- Place-based community delivery
- Just transition
- Net zero strategy
- Circular initiatives
- Innovation labs

WORKPLACE INCLUSION

- Consultancy
- Practitioner peer-learning
- Workforce training
- Senior leadership training
- Bespoke insights
- Recognition
- Learning events

EMPLOYEE WELLBEING

- Consultancy
- Self-assessment tool
- Practitioner peer-learning
- Workforce training
- Learning events



KEY PRIORITY ONE:

SOCIAL MOBILITY IN SCOTLAND

We have a subgroup of our Board focusing on how can BITC's network of businesses share and develop best practice across Scotland on Social Mobility. Our social mobility subgroup is currently working on:

- Assessing the current landscape in Scotland;
- Collating data on the drivers of Social Mobility in Scotland;
- Creating case studies on what Social Mobility means for a business.

Businesses represented on the group include:



























KEY PRIORITY TWO:

OUR PLACE-BASED WORK IN SCOTLAND

Our Place Steering Group coordinates our Place-based activity across Scotland, and organisations represented are:















The

Scottish National Investment

Bank













BITC IS ON A MISSION TO HELP PLACES ACROSS THE UK TAKE OWNERSHIP OF THEIR FUTURES AND TACKLE THEIR MOST PRESSING CHALLENGES

We bring leaders from business, the voluntary sector and the local council together in a place and work with them to **build** and deliver a vision for their future that serves everyone, with input from everyone.

We provide sustained resource, advice and support to motivate and empower local stakeholders so that **each place** can identify its own challenges and innovate its own solutions.

We have project focuses starting in **Glasgow**, **Aberdeen** and **Kirkcaldy** with community themes on **Health and Wellbeing**, **Social Mobility** in action and **Just Transition** over the next few years.





Establishing Business in the Community's Place programme in Glasgow provides the perfect opportunity to enhance the great work already happening in communities, whilst focussing on new ideas and innovation that will mobilise people, ideas and passion.

I am eager to work alongside a wide range of stakeholders and partners who are equally motivated to developing the city, making it a place people will want to live, visit and work.

Steven Henderson Chair of BITC'S Place Steering Group, Chief Executive, Wheatley Housing Group



WHO WE REACH

MORE THAN 10 MILLION PEOPLE

BITC has positively impacted over 10 million people in the UK since 2016

300 BUSINESS LEADERS

Leaders from every sector across every region and nation are working with us to transform lives and communities

MORE THAN 20% OF THE UK'S WORKFORCE

is employed by our network, and benefits from evermore inclusive, empowering and rewarding workplaces

THOUSANDS OF COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

Our extensive UK-wide community network enables us to seamlessly turn thought leadership into action on the ground





HOW WE WORK

We **convene** for collaboration

We bring senior leaders and practitioners together to act as a collective voice for leading, encouraging, and recognising progress

We **challenge** for action at pace and scale

Through our leadership teams, thought leadership and research, we deliver the business case for responsible business and create clear best practice frameworks for action that others can learn from and follow.

Consultancy and assessment for progress

Our workplace advisory services help businesses find their focus through internal consultancy work and training across all areas of responsible business. Our expertise informs UK assessments and indices including gender equality, sustainability, and social value.

Community delivery for impact

We deliver in the heart of communities right across the UK, working on the ground to convene businesses, local authorities, community organisations and key stakeholders to change lives and transform communities. Businesses trust us as delivery partners for their own initiatives.

We **communicate** your stories of success to inspire further action



WE OFFER YOU THE RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS TOOLKIT YOU NEED TO DELIVER MEANINGFUL IMPACT

THE **CONNECTIONS** YOU NEED TO ACCELERATE GROWTH

THE **EXPERTISE** YOU NEED TO **ACT WITH CONFIDENCE**

THE **PLATFORMS** YOU NEED TO TELL YOUR STORY



Dedicated Relationship Manager who will understand your goals, provide tailored support and help you connect to relevant opportunities and contacts.



Curated thought leadership and content at the right time for you, matched to your business needs.



Regional leadership networks to drive social impact and collaborate locally with the public sector and community groups.



Expert events - invitations to inperson and online events providing upskilling and introductions wherever you are in the UK.



Diagnostic tools with assessor calls to help measure your progress year on year.



Opportunities to share your expertise and recognise your progress at high-profile events such as BITC Annual Responsible Business Event.



Volunteering opportunities and guidance matched to the skills of your employees.



Training, advice and consultancy – support from our advisors, designed for your organisation's needs.



Use of our brand – use of The Prince's Responsible Business Network to demonstrate your commitment to ESG.



BITC PROJECT DELIVERY IN SCOTLAND





BITC facilitators work with teachers and Barclays volunteers to deliver face-to-face and virtual workshops on CV writing, networking, problem-solving, creativity, resilience, communication and online reputation management.

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between 2016 to 2022, the partnership between Barclays LifeSkills and BITC has supported more than 77,400 young people in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales.

"We are passionate about inspiring young people to develop the core transferable skills they need now and in the future, and I hope our partnership with BITC will continue to boost both the confidence and employability skills of those who take part."

- Kirstie Mackey, Managing Director, Barclays LifeSkills





Our Age at Work programme has a range of initiatives: support older jobseekers and employees to find and remain in work; help employers be more age-inclusive in retaining, retraining and recruiting older workers; and raise awareness of the impact of an ageing workforce in government, business and wider society.

The programme has had a transformational effect on the potential for older workers and jobseekers across Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, and has already supported more than over 2,000 people aged over 50 years old.



TOGETHER AS A NETWORK WE ARE BUILDING A FAIRER, GREENER AND MORE PROSPEROUS WORLD

1.1 MILLION JOBS have been made more accessible to those with criminal convictions, thanks to businesses in our network committing to our Ban the Box initiative established in 2013

MORE THAN 1,000 EMPLOYERS representing more than six million employees have committed to BITC's Race at Work Charter, since 2018

78% OF EMPLOYERS in the Times Top 50 Employers for Gender Equality were BITC members in 2023's awards

95,000 YOUNG PEOPLE have been helped by work experience placements organised by BITC Northern Ireland's Work Inspiration programme since 1999

BITC's network has contributed
6,767 VOLUNTEERS supporting
18,159 BENEFICIARIES through
employment programmes in England,
Scotland, and Wales, since 2015

24,000 EMPLOYEES have been trained in workplace inclusion, health and wellbeing, environment, social impact, strategy and purpose **since 2020**



"Working with BITC, I have seen the challenges so many are struggling to overcome across education, skills and social mobility.

I believe that by working together, we can break down these barriers and create positive, long-lasting change."

Zahra Bahrololoumi CBE CEO Salesforce UK & Ireland





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TOGETHER, WE CAN CHANGE THE WAY BUSINESS CONNECTS WITH COMMUNITIES FOREVER



The Prince's Responsible Business Network

