The Prince's Responsible Business Network Scotland

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# WORKING TOGETHER FOR A FAIRER, GREENER AND MORE PROSPEROUS WORLD

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## **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 actionorientated 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

## Scottish Government engagement





## WHO WE WORK WITH

A GLANCE AT OUR NETWORK OF 600+ BUSINESSES





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## 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.	<b><u>11 June: Race at Work</u></b> <b><u>Reception</u></b> hosted by Deloitte in Edinburgh where we will be reviewing the Scottish Census data on ethnicity released in May and what this means for <u>HR</u> <u>Practitioners</u> and <u>members</u> <u>of Staff Networks</u> focusing on Inclusion.	<b>19 June: Glasgow Place</b> <b>Breakfast meeting</b> 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.
24	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.	<b>12 June: Race Leadership</b> <b>Roundtable</b> 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, Plac and Wellbeing.	leaders to communities to





## **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



**PWC Mairi McInnes,** Director



**THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT Gary Gillespie**, Chief Economic Advisor

**FWB PARK BROWN Lindsay Cramond**, Director



**ROBERTSON Graeme Hannah,** Director of Sustainability and Social Impact



WHEATLEY GROUP Stephen Henderson, Group Chief Executive



HYDROCK SCOTLAND Marc Pawson, Regional Director



**SODEXO Angela Halliday,** Director of Social Impact UK&I





## WHATEVER YOUR FOCUS, WE CAN HELP YOU DELIVER

### **SOCIAL IMPACT**

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

### **ENVIRONMENT**

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

### SOCIAL MOBILITY

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

### RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS STRATEGY

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

### 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:





### 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 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**

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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



## **BITC PROJECT DELIVERY IN SCOTLAND**



### **BARCLAYS**

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. 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



## age Scotland

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	
<b>95,000 YOUNG PEOPLE have been helped by work experience placements</b> organised by BITC Northern Ireland's Work Inspiration programme <b>since 1999</b>		BITC's network has contributed 6,767 VOLUNTEERS supporting 18,159 BENEFICIARIES through employment programmes in England, Scotland, and Wales, since 2015		<b>24,000 EMPLOYEES</b> have been trained in workplace inclusion, health and wellbeing, environment, social impact, strategy and purpose <b>since 2020</b>	



"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



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