

Start-up organisations

Organisation	Brief background	Support on offer	Link
Acas	Acas aims to improve working life through better employment relations, helping employers and employees to solve problems and work together effectively.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employees and employers free, impartial advice on workplace rights, rules and best practices. • Free online courses such as HR for beginners, covering contracts, hours, pay, leave and time off. • Useful templates, advice, and guidance including dispute resolution support. 	www.acas.org.uk
Barclays Eagle Labs	Through a £12m Government grant, Barclays Eagle Labs is tasked with boosting the growth of tech start-ups through dedicated programmes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Growth Grant • Learning and insights • Mentors and coaching • Events 	www.barclays.uk
Big Issue Invest	The charitable arm of Big Issue Invest provides grants	Investment funds and programmes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact Loans England • Big Energy Saving Loans 	www.bigissue.com

	to charities and social enterprises.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth Impact Fund • Fund IV 	
Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS)	BEIS is a government department supported by 42 agencies and public bodies. Backing enterprise and long-term growth, generating cleaner, homegrown energy and unleashing the UK as a science superpower through innovation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing links between industry, energy and climate change, and enabling a united focus on markets, investors and consumers. • Delivering on industrial strategy • Maximising investment opportunities and bolstering UK interests • Promoting competitive markets and responsible business practices • Ensuring the UK has a reliable, low-cost and clean energy system 	www.gov.uk
Entrepreneurial Spark	Entrepreneurial Spark is a purpose-led accelerator for entrepreneurs. Entrepreneurial Spark (ESpark) is a free business accelerator offering business support to start-ups. Having established an ESpark London Hub in Islington, and inspired by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business support to start-ups • Helping business owners to think differently about how they can grow their business 	www.ESpark.com

	open business models like Linux, Wikipedia and Roblox, ESpark is developing a platform to deliver free, focussed human support on demand. This is due to launch soon.		
Enterprise Nation	Enterprise Nation provides expert advice and support for small businesses. Currently offering the StartUp UK programme to help start or grow your business.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • StartUp Kit • free e-learning programmes • practical advice and money saving guidance • supporting entrepreneurs to upskill through • identifying funding streams <p>E-learning videos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start-up workshops 	www.enterprisenation.com
Federation of Small Businesses (FSB)	The Federation of Small Businesses is a business organisation representing SMEs. As a start-up, once you are up and running you may wish to review the membership support service available from the FSB. As a member, you can get access to a whole host of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to do market research • Registering your business • Building your brand identity • Writing a brilliant business plan • Business finance basics • Your workplace • Marketing your business online 	www.fsb.org.uk

	benefits such as the FSB Legal Hub, which offers legal documents (templates, policies, HR documents).		
HMRC	Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs is a non-ministerial government department offering businesses advice and financial help from government-backed schemes.	<p>You can watch videos, sign up for email alerts and register for free webinars.</p> <p>You can also get:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • help with tax • regional help with exporting • advice on writing a business plan 	<p>www.gov.uk</p> <p>www.gov.uk/business-support-helpline</p>
London Business Hub	The London Business Hub is the Mayor of London one-stop shop for businesses, packed full of impartial, free advice to help with any issues that you might be facing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start Up London programme • Marketing and market research • Financial planning • Good business planning • Developing your business concept • Registering your business, alongside legal and tax considerations • Growing your customer base and managing clients 	<p>www.businesshub.london/</p>
London & Partners	London & Partners is the business growth and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to start a business in London guide 	<p>www.business.london</p>

	destination agency for London supported by the Mayor of London for an international audience.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Growth Programme • International growth 	
National Enterprise Network	This membership organisation offers support to start-ups and SMEs. Their search tool can be used to identify local support.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An annual conference and awards ceremony • Free webinars hosted by experts • Member huddles • Discounts and cashback • Opportunities to collaborate on a national and international contracts 	www.nationalenterprisenetwork.org/
Newham Chamber of Commerce	One of London's long standing Chambers of Commerce, running for over 55 years, offering you excellent networking and business support.	<p>Free membership available to all entrepreneurs, sole traders, partnerships and small business organisations based in Newham (with up to 5 employees).</p> <p>Benefits of joining:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular networking opportunities • monthly events with industry led speakers • business support • free legal and financial advice • members newsletters • promotion and marketing 	www.newhamchamber.com/join/

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • members discounts • business awards. 	
Newham Council Funding for community projects	Facilitates grants and funding options available through its partnerships with major local employers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding support for residents, community interest companies (CICs) and charity organisations based in Newham 	www.newham.gov.uk
Prince's Trust Enterprise Programme	The Prince's Trust supports 18-30 year olds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business planning and funding • Business mentoring 	www.princes-trust.org.uk
Queen Mary University of London	Queen Mary University of London is delivering an initiative called 'qNomics', in which third year and masters' students from the School of Economics & Finance provide free financial advice to start-ups and entrepreneurs on the challenges that they are facing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business planning • Cash flow • Public speaking and presentation skills • Financial advice and funding streams • Market research 	www.qmul.ac.uk/qnomics/
Small Business Saturday	Small Business Saturday is a grassroots, non-commercial campaign initiated by American	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting small businesses through Small Business Finder. • Offering access to regular webinars and courses 	www.smallbusinesssaturdayuk.com

	Express, which promotes the shop local ethos across communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular social media campaigns, including Instagram stories and live chats with entrepreneurs. 	
Start Up Donut	Start Up Donut is a supportive community and a business accelerator for small business owners and people with a start-up idea.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn how to set up your business Breakdown of the different types of ownership Information on forming your business correctly and ensure you are protected and you comply with the rules. 	www.startupdonut.co.uk
Start Up Loans Company	Part of the British Business Bank the Start Up Loans Company was established in September 2012, with a mission to help new and early-stage UK businesses access affordable finance and mentoring support.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Borrow up to £25,000 Mentoring Learn with Start Up Loans through their Open University online learning tool kit <p>Free essential guide to starting a business</p>	www.startuploans.co.uk Open University courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entrepreneurship – from ideas to reality Introduction to bookkeeping and accounting Marketing
TERN	<p>TERN - The Entrepreneurial Refugee Network</p> <p>Supports refugees living in the UK to overcome barriers to starting and running their own business. TERN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training & Mentoring Networking Online advice via SPARK chat <p>Access to Anqa an online business marketplace for refugee businesses</p>	www.wearetern.org

	through partnership connects you to experts, programmes and support to help take your business idea to the next stage.		
Transmit Startups	Transmit Startups is a national delivery partner of the British Business Bank for Start Up Loans, a government-backed scheme to encourage new entrepreneurs with resources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance, support and mentoring to new and existing entrepreneurs aged 18 and over • Low interest start-up loans • Free business planning support and post-loan mentoring 	www.transmitstartups.co.uk/
UMi	UMi supports business subscribers to find and collate information.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance and funding sign posting • Learning material and tools • Regular webinars 	www.weareumi.co.uk
UnLtd	The Foundation for Social Entrepreneurs.	<p>Awards programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants • Mentoring • Coaching • Workshops • Online learning 	www.unltd.org.uk