



Need a hand to start
your own business or go
self-employed?

Introducing New Entrepreneur Scholarships

If you have a business idea but don't know how to take it forward, or you're finding it difficult to get started, New Entrepreneur Scholarships (NES) may be the programme for you.

NES is a fully subsidised programme funded through the Learning and Skills Council that aims to help people set up in business by offering comprehensive part-time, flexible support and finance to scholars.

General criteria for eligibility:

- Over the age of 18 (no upper age limit)
- Not enrolled in full-time education
- Unemployed or employed - but not self-employed
- Living in one of the most disadvantaged wards in Britain and have been for at least six months*
- Have a business idea and not started trading

NES Offers those who eligible and accepted onto the scheme:

- A **subsidy** which can be used towards the following items:
 - Business insurance
 - Rent of business premises
 - Website development
 - Office furniture
 - Installation and costs of telephony
 - Machinery and equipment
 - Security purchases
- **Free**, confidential and professional support
- **Free** business training

There are a limited numbers of places on the programme. Successful candidates must meet the general criteria and will be chosen based on their business idea and their willingness to learn from the programme.

Eligibility does not guarantee acceptance onto the programme.

If this is a path you would like to follow, contact us for an informal telephone discussion about your business idea and we will help guide through the application process.

*** Make sure you know the details of the district and ward you live in when you contact us!**

All the services shown below are part of the programme and are absolutely FREE to successful applicants.

We provide help and guidance on:

- Starting your business
- Grants and loans
- Business Planning
- Marketing and market research
- Book-keeping and accounts
- Tax, national insurance and VAT
- Legal aspects
- Personal development
- Financial awareness
- Confidence building

This is a business preparation programme for those individuals wishing to start up in business or become self-employed.

It involves practical business skills and planning, group learning activities, one-to-one advice and guidance, on-line discussion groups and learning and any other training method appropriate to the individual candidate's requirements.

In addition, parts of the programme are designed to come to you.

You won't be expected to travel long distances on a regular basis and if you don't have a computer or access to the Internet, we will be able to help you get on-line access.



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How do you get all this help?

You will find most of the information you need on the NES website at www.nesprogramme.org

For more information about how NES is run your area please contact you local enterprise provider.

Alternatively telephone the office on 0800 45 88 797 or email info@enterprisesupport.org

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