



Helping you to turn your dreams into a reality

UrbanBiz is a social enterprise that seeks to open the doors of economic opportunity for disadvantaged groups. By offering services around enterprise, training and employment, UrbanBiz is able to inspire people and enrich communities.

UrbanBiz offers the complete employability package. So whether you need support on your journey into enterprise, help in finding a career path that's right for you or advice on how to run a successful social enterprise, UrbanBiz can help.

UrbanBiz helps to regenerate disadvantaged and marginalised communities by helping individuals gain suitable employment. By developing a successful engagement model of employment support with BAME (Black and Minority Ethnic) groups, UrbanBiz has won and successfully delivered a range of skills, work, training and enterprise programmes across the Yorkshire region.

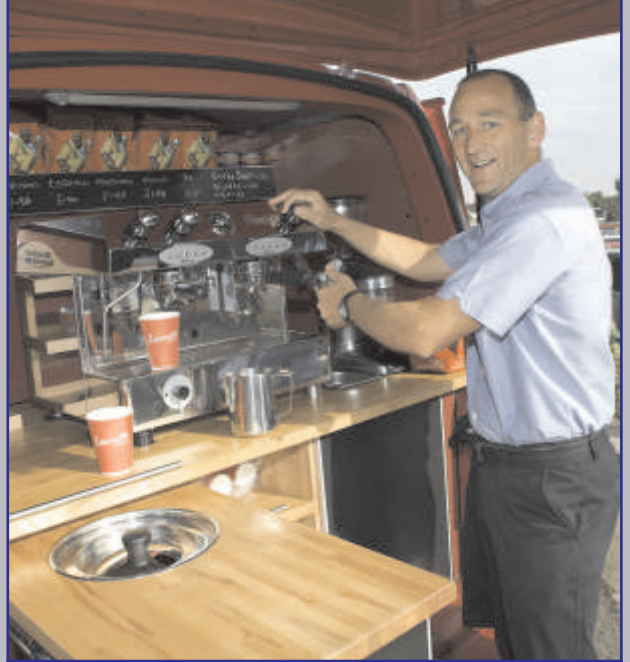
Ultimately, we help individuals realise their aspirations and live a better life.

Employment

We believe long-term employment is the best route out of poverty. If you're unemployed, it can sometimes feel like your life's on hold and that you're not building a future, for yourself or your family.

Do you need help finding a job? Not sure what career path to take?

We recognise that getting the job you want can make all the difference and that's why we are committed to helping individuals back into work. And not just into any old job....something that will really help you get where you want to be in life.



Training



UrbanBiz believe that if we are to succeed, it's important that we continue to learn and develop our skills base. By maintaining and updating our abilities, we enhance our personal and work opportunities. That's why we offer training to individuals and businesses, to ensure that our region has a first class labour force to secure the future for the next generation.

Do you want to improve your personal and basic skills? Do you want to be more employable in the market place? Does your business want to take advantage of free training for your staff?

UrbanBiz are accredited with the following bodies:

- ▶ City and Guilds
- ▶ OCR
- ▶ UK online
- ▶ ASDAN

We can deliver ESOL, literacy, numeracy and ICT training.

For employers wanting to train their staff, the benefits include:

- ▶ Savings on time and money
- ▶ Increase in productivity
- ▶ Better use of IT resources
- ▶ Increased staff retention

Social Enterprise

Balancing a strong social objective with running a successful enterprise is a tricky a business. However with the right knowledge and support, it's achievable. We should know.

Social enterprise has undoubtedly added much needed value to the social sector and within the wider community and we want to preserve and enhance the achievements of social businesses from across the region.

We know that the business culture is continuously changing, with a significant shift from short term funding to the need for long term sustainability. In real terms, this means that individuals and businesses cannot remain dependent on short term funding streams and instead, need to look towards becoming enterprise driven – resulting in a successful and prosperous business, free from the restraints of funding and operating independently.

With the right dialogue and support, social entrepreneurs and business people can work together to find solutions to the challenges faced by social businesses when trying to ensure long term sustainability.

Whether you are an individual curious about business or a budding entrepreneur, we can help you develop solid business foundations in order for you social enterprise to be successful.

We offer services around social enterprise support and *masterclasses* to help develop social enterprise understanding.



Enterprise

UrbanBiz recognise the importance of enterprise and actively seek to promote the benefits of being in business. We know that whilst being self employed is highly rewarding, it takes hard work and dedication to get it right and succeed. That's why we are here to help you at every stage of your journey.

Do you have a business idea that you would like to develop? Are you faced with barriers that prevent you from doing this? Do you need help, support and understanding to your idea off the ground? Do you need business space and facilities?

We seek to encourage and nurture the entrepreneur in every individual by offering a full programme of support to business start ups and existing businesses.



For individuals with business ideas we can:

- ▶ Build knowledge
- ▶ Assist in removing barriers
- ▶ Help you to achieve your business aspirations

For those with existing businesses we can:

- ▶ Help to increase turnover and profit
- ▶ Identify barriers and find solutions for business growth
- ▶ Assist in broadening your market

Specific emphasis has also been placed on creating our Business Advancement Facilities (BAF) suites which are available at all three of our sites. These facilities allow our business start up clients to run their business, free of charge for up to nine months. Our Biz Centres form part of the Local Enterprise Growth Initiative (LEGI), a government funded programme which seeks to promote a culture of enterprise through encouragement and support of new businesses.



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