

## Economic Development Consultants Directory



**The IED Consultants Directory is a live document that is continuously updated by the Consultants. The objectives are:**

\* Assist organisations wishing to use the services of an economic development or regeneration professional to find the most appropriate to their needs

\* To enable Consultancies that employ or are owned by IED Members to showcase their skills and expertise to the range of economic development and regeneration organisations

The Consultancies listed in this Directory vary in size and the range of services offered but they have all pledged to operate within the IED Code of Professional Conduct \*\*. The Code can be viewed and downloaded here ([http://www.ied.co.uk/pdf/code\\_professional\\_conduct.pdf](http://www.ied.co.uk/pdf/code_professional_conduct.pdf)).

There is also a Consultants Group which exists to promote the interests of IED Members who are consultants and the value of consultancy to the wider economic development profession. If you would like to know more, please see our contact details below.

Please note that all organisations are listed alphabetically according to their choice and there is an index on the next page. If your organisation is not included and you believe it should be, please contact us \*\*\*.

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**General Information**

Alex started his independent consultancy in 2005, building on his 30 years management experience in the Social Economy. Trained as an Engineer, his career has spanned Power Generation, Printing, Economic Development and Social Care. Alex has experience of setting up new businesses and the strains of rapid growth, as well as of successfully obtaining grant & loan funds.

He has been a Board member of a wide range of organisations including Social Firms UK and the Prince's Trust Cymru. He Chairs the Advisory Board of the Cardiff Institute for Co-operative Studies and the Board of Co-operatives and Mutuals Wales, and is Vice Chair of the Cardiff YMCA Housing Association. He is an occasional visiting lecturer at Cardiff and Cardiff Met. Universities, and Trinity St Davids.

**Main Services**

Calling on his senior level experience in the public, private and social economy sectors, Alex is able to deliver a range of services either alone or with colleagues in a newly formed co-operative LLP; consultancy.coop, of which he is a founder member.

These include:-

Strategic & Business Planning

Policy writing and review

Feasibility Studies - looking at new possibilities for expansion or development

Grant Applications - from talking to funders to final application

Governance, Social Responsibility, Co-operative Principles & Ethics

External Evaluations

Organisational Process reviews

Mentoring to Social Economy professionals

Training in Co-operative and Social Enterprise Business Skills

**Recent Projects**

- Co-operative Enterprise Hub - delivering support to a range of co-operatives across Wales
- External Evaluation - CU Childhood Trust Funds - Wales Co-op Centre
- External Evaluation - Debt Redemption and Advice (DRAMA) project - Wales Co-op Centre
- Strategic Review, financial forecasting and Business planning - Sustainable Wales/Sussed
- Marketing Plan - Trinity Care
- Review of the Credit Movement in Wales (with Cardiff Institute for Co-operative Studies/Cardiff School of Management at UWIC)
- Review of the arrangements between the County Council, LHB and Voluntary Sector in Carmarthenshire
- Business Planning, Move Recruitment
- External Evaluation - Hidden Dragon project for Carmarthenshire Council
- Business Planning - Coed Marros Co-operative

**Members**

Alex Bird MIED

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Alison Brown Associates

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### General Information

Alison Brown Associates is an independent economic regeneration consultancy offering a diverse range of high quality services tailored to meet the individual requirements and particular needs of each client.

We specialise in economic regeneration, particularly within the social enterprise sector, and work with clients across the private, public, community and voluntary sectors. We have built up a portfolio of associates in other disciplines and an appropriate team can be assembled depending on the requirements of an individual project.

### Main Services

- Social enterprise formation and development
- Strategic reviews of projects and organisations
- Community development and capacity building
- Evaluation and project appraisal
- Business planning and development
- Funding advice and preparation of funding applications
- Design and delivery of town centre regeneration interventions

### Recent Projects

Project management services were provided to the BID company, Dunfermline Delivers, for a four month period. This included the delivery of a floral enhancement scheme in the town centre, an "Empty Shops" initiative, transforming a drab empty town centre premise with the use of creative vinyl and the implementation of a shop front improvement grants scheme.

An evaluation of the Motivate to Innovate/Enterprising Solutions Programme, delivered by BRAG Enterprises in East Ayrshire.

An evaluation of the "Be your own Boss" project delivered by Impact 21, Fife

### Members

Alison Brown MIED

Anna Hraboweckyj

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**General Information**

Anna Hraboweckyj is an independent consultant operating in the West Midlands who has been working with and for voluntary and community organisations since 2005.

Anna focuses on the social aspects of economic regeneration, helping voluntary and community groups play a role in regeneration activities in arenas such as employment, learning and skills and the local environment. Anna has worked with many new, disadvantaged and marginalised groups, helping them to overcome obstacles to their growth and participation. She has a strong track record in enabling inclusion

**Main Services**

Anna offers voluntary and community organisations an individualised service tailored to their needs.

She helps organisations to problem solve, and to grow, to collect information about what they do and gather evidence showing how well they do it. In this way she helps them formulate their case to potential partners and funders.

Anna helps organisations to grow by working with trustees, board members and senior staff, but equally recognises the very important part played by local volunteers in building local social capital. For this reason Anna values having a close working relationship with her clients.

Anna's approach to ground level economic development is innovative and her reports are lively, comprehensive and easy to read.

**Recent Projects**

Anna is experienced in working on both rural and urban regeneration issues. Here are a just few of her recent clients:

Birmingham Voluntary Services Council

Herefordshire Third Sector Board

Support Staffordshire

St Peter's Community Centre Hillfields Ltd, Coventry

Bentilee Volunteers, Stoke on Trent

Balsall Heath Good Neighbourhood Centre, Birmingham

**Members**

Anna Hraboweckyj MIED

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**General Information**

Arup's economists advise clients on strategic decisions which have implications for local, regional and national economic development. The firm optimises clients' ability to achieve their objectives and to shape the future. Arup's profound understanding of existing policy allows the firm to influence and analyse future policy. Together with practical experience of key projects, Arup offers a single point consultancy for a range of services.

**Main Services**

Arup provides support on:

- \* Economic policy and strategies, ensuring through analysis that clients understand the economic benefits, can respond to policies and have strategies to optimise their proposals.
- \* Evaluation of economic programmes.
- \* Economic impact assessments and appraisals based on national guidance (such as the 'Green Book' in the UK, and English Partnerships' Guidance).
- \* Employment land studies.
- \* Socio-economic profiling, such as Arup's work on Abu Dhabi Eco Park and Almere Poort in the Netherlands.
- \* Economic factors related to issues such as housing, planning procedures (for example, Area Regeneration Frameworks), transport policy and sustainability.

**Members**

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**General Information**

Consultancy firm specialising in all aspects of economic development and Regeneration.

Glenn Athey is a local economic development specialist and Director of Athey Consulting. Glenn offers expert applied knowledge of national, local and urban economic development issues, including enterprise, innovation, skills and employment. Glenn has 20 years of experience in the economic development profession and is a member of the Institute of Economic Development.

**Main Services**

- Advisory on economic strategies and delivery plans
- Board and SMT workshops, facilitation and coaching
- Advice on best practice and tailoring strategies and deliver to unique local conditions
- Economic studies, evaluations, feasibilities and appraisals;
- Local economic assessments, skills and labour market reviews
- Economic appraisal and advice on delivery programmes and project funding
- Professional and media ready reports and briefings that can be handed straight to government ministers, senior business leaders and the national press.

**Recent Projects**

Skills and Labour Market Review for Hertfordshire LEP; Industry Profiles for London-Stansted-Cambridge Consortium; Local Economic Assessments for Luton Borough Council, Stockton-On-Tees Borough Council, Hertfordshire LEP; New Anglia LEP.

Eastern Plateau Leader bid economic evidence base and writing of local development strategy. Assistance (with Kada Research Limited) to put together initial Local Investment Plan for European funds for Birmingham and Solihull LEP area.

(With Hewdon Consulting) Demand Study for Ipswich Innovation Centre.

Wrote 3 editions of Review of LEP Area Economies for the LEP Network/ British Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

Former interim LEP CEO (Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough). Advisor on Local Growth Deals

Consultant advisor to the Centre for Cities

**Members**

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**General Information**

B. Mothershaw Associates has been operational in the Economic Development Consultancy Business since 2004. The Principal, Barbara Mothershaw, has some 30 years experience of Economic Regeneration in both urban and rural areas.

Prior to setting up the consultancy, Barbara was Head of Economic and Tourism Development at Chester City Council.

B. Mothershaw Associates offers a range of Economic Regeneration services to the public, private and voluntary sectors within the NW of England and further afield.

**Main Services**

It offers reasonably priced services in the following sectors:

- All aspects of Economic Development and Regeneration
- Project/Programme/Interim Management in Economic Regeneration/Tourism Development;
- Town/City Management;
- Funding
- Event Management.
- International/ National/ Regional/ Local Partnership Development;
- Service Planning;
- Research;
- Neighbourhood Renewal
- Policy Development.

**Recent Projects**

Several Interim Management positions in Local Authorities;

Project Management of a key gateway redevelopment site at Widnes Waterfront EDZ;

Associate Support to other Regeneration Consultancies;

Development Work for the NW Branch of the IED.

**Members**

Barbara Mothershaw MIED



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**General Information**

The success of BiGGAR Economics has been based on our track record of producing high quality outputs for our clients, on time.

Our overall aim is to generate sustainable economic growth and promote social equity by:

- providing high quality advisory, consultancy and research services; and
- building a company that provides high quality employment and generates substantial Gross Value Added.

The areas in which we specialise have been developed as a result of our consultants pursuing specific professional interests. We provide a range of services for central and local government, economic development agencies, other government agencies, universities, colleges, social economy organisations and private sector firms across the UK and Ireland.

**Main Services**

Our main services are:

- Strategy & Policy Development - Economic Appraisal - Economic Impact Assessments - Research & Benchmarking - Feasibility Studies
- Business Planning - Monitoring & Evaluation

Areas in which we specialise include:

- Life Sciences - Renewable Energy - Science & Business Parks - Colleges & Skills - Higher Education - Tourism & Leisure - Business Start-Up & SME Development - Social Economy - Commercialisation & Innovation - Regeneration - Economic Research for Planning

**Recent Projects**

- evaluation of Innovation Vouchers programme for North West Development Agency
- economic impact of Moredun Research Institute
- research on costs of new Forth Crossing for Scottish Parliament Financial Scrutiny Unit
- review of Business Gateway National Unit for Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (Cosla)
- evaluation of North West's Collaborative Innovation Partnerships
- education demand assessments in Scottish Borders, East Lothian & Edinburgh
- economic & tourism impact assessment of Glenmorie Wind Farm proposals
- economic impact of Robert Gordon University Aberdeen
- economic impact assessment of Highlands & Islands ICT strategy
- appraisal of Power Networks Demonstration Centre for Scottish Enterprise
- economic impact of Draft Land Registration Scotland Bill

**Members**

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**General Information**

Services provided throughout the UK

**Main Services**

Advisors on:

\* procurement to maximise best value and the socio-economic impact of public contracts

\* tendering and marketing for businesses seeking to win public contracts

**Recent Projects**

Three multi-million contracts:

\* Social care contract

\* Social housing contract

\* Civil engineering contract for the nuclear industry

**Members**

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**General Information**

Centrifuge Consulting is a social and economic research consultancy based in Northumberland and Scotland. Structured as a workers' co-operative our activities are focused on the interaction of the social and economic, bringing extensive experience of good practice from across the UK and beyond.

We are committed to the development of sustainable communities and enhancing quality of life for individuals groups and communities by working in collaboration with public, private and third sector partners and clients.

**Main Services**

Centrifuge Consulting works closely with partners at the local, regional and national level to help them address challenges and develop opportunities through the provision of the following services:

- \* Strategy & Policy Development
- \* Monitoring and Evaluation
- \* Action Planning, Programme and Project Design
- \* Appraisals, Feasibility and Business Planning
- \* Stakeholder and Community Consultation

**Recent Projects**

Recent work includes:

- \* evaluating public sector projects for the Design Council
- \* evaluating the Schools of Creativity Programme for Creativity and Culture England
- \* establishing a monitoring & evaluation framework for community empowerment activities for the North East Improvement & Efficiency Partnership and North East Empowerment Partnership
- \* project development for training interventions in farming and forestry for Solway Borders and Eden (Cumbria) Leader Group
- \* organisational review of Rural Action Yorkshire and Humber & Wolds Rural Community Council
- \* developing a three year Action Plan for the North Yorkshire Coast Employment & Skills Partnership
- \* evaluating the North East Higher Skills Network

**Members**

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**General Information**

Chilmark Consulting (CCL) is an independent firm specialising in town planning, development, regeneration and economic development advice. CCL works across the UK advising the private and public sectors on all aspects of strategic and detailed spatial planning and development. CCL often works at the interface of public and private sectors enabling complex, mixed-use projects to move forward.

Our vision is to build on our success to deliver wide ranging, innovative professional advice that are right first time, bespoke to each client and provide outstanding solutions generating value for our clients.

We work to shape and influence the sustainable cities, towns and neighbourhoods of tomorrow using our professional expertise and networks.

**Main Services**

Chilmark Consulting's main services are:

- Town planning advice
- Spatial strategies for cities, towns and neighbourhoods
- Strategic land promotion
- Policy and evidence base preparation
- Workspace strategies
- Economic and inward investment strategies
- Economic development
- Employment land review
- Housing market and land assessments
- Asset strategy, optimisation and management
- Delivery and implementation frameworks
- Consultation and engagement

**Recent Projects**

Recent projects include planning, employment land and economic case development work for clients including:

- Ballymore Group
- Barwood Land and Estates
- Grace Construction
- Masons Property
- Lochailort Investments
- Bruern LLP
- Adamian Group
- East Devon District Council
- Rushmoor Borough Council

**Members**

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**General Information**

Established in 2001, Chimera Consulting is a specialist economic development research business.

We deliver high quality consultancy support to clients in the public and community sectors and have now exceeded 220 successful assignments in the economic development and regeneration arena across the U.K.

We are a small, flexible and socially responsible business that works pro-actively with clients to meet their goals. We pride ourselves on taking a pragmatic and solution-based approach to all of our assignments. Our clients have regarded us very highly for our professionalism, integrity, rigour and going the extra mile but also our enthusiasm and personable, accessible approach to doing business.

The company continues to be led by its founder, Adam Jeffrey, who has 30 years of experience in the economic development field, including nine years in public sector roles (local government, central government and a regeneration partnership).

Adam chairs the Nottinghamshire "Pro Help" scheme which provides VCSE groups with access to pro bono support from local professional firms.

**Main Services**

- Evaluation
- Research
- Delivery (interim programme support)
- Strategy development
- Action planning
- Sector studies
- Business surveys
- Business engagement and needs assessment
- Feasibility studies
- Bid writing

**Recent Projects**

- Sunderland City Council – SME survey for state of the retail sector study
- LLEP (Leicester & Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership) – Evaluation of ERDF/RGF business grants support programme
- LLEP – Evaluation of Digital Leicester and Invest In Leicester projects
- Black Country LEP / Wolverhampton City Council – Evaluation of business grants scheme
- D2N2 LEP / One East Midlands – ESIF Community Programme scoping
- Durham University – Careers advice
- Staffordshire University – Feasibility study for Economics Analytics Research Centre
- Nottingham City Council – Evaluation of Ultraband connectivity project (creative industries)
- Derby City Council - Economic Regeneration Team: 3 month interim (part time) support as Investment Development Manager
- Wolverhampton Learning Platform – Evaluation of Neighbourhood Employment and Skills Service
- Marketing Nottingham and Nottinghamshire – ERDF grant application
- Aston University – Evaluation of Graduate Placement Service
- Nottingham Trent University – Evaluation of Rural Knowledge and Enterprise Centre

- Sustainable Travel Collective – Organisational review and action planning
- ENABLE (ESF Community Learning Grants Programme) - East Midlands - Evaluation
- Nottingham Future Cities - Feasibility Study
- Big Local Trust (Warsop) - Aspire Centre business plan
- Nottinghamshire Community Foundation - Review of alcohol support services
- Northamptonshire Talent Match – Statistical evidence base for programme targeting
- Lonsdale Swimming Trust (Derby) – Community Consultation programme

**Members**

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**General Information**

CNT Associates is a community & business services company who work with clients from the private, public, community and non-profit making sectors, delivering community regeneration, training, management consultancy, fundraising and business development projects and programmes. CNT Associates is a knowledge-based organisation; with offices in London and the north west of England. We have been working as consultants since 2000 and been formally constituted as a company since 2003. All of our current staff are active in the civil sector and are committed to promoting social responsibility & equal opportunities.

We are an approved centre for City & Guilds qualifications and associate members of the Institute of Fundraising, the Institute of Economic Development and the Chartered Management Institute and adhere to their professional standards and codes of conduct. We are also approved consultants for the NCV0 & Community Development Foundation and have been so for several years.

**Main Services**

CNT Associates and its consultants have worked on a wide range of assignments on a partnership basis with many different organisations in the private, public and voluntary sectors in areas including:

Strategic consultancy, project management & support  
Training and development  
Fundraising & fundraising training  
Business support for SME's, social enterprises and the civil sector  
Business & management development  
Community regeneration, community development & capacity building

**Recent Projects**

Review of Capacity building services for a large London Voluntary Service Council.  
Business development and fundraising for a wide range of organisations, including colleges, universities, education business partnerships, schools, housing associations & RP's and SME's.  
Bid and employment project for a London Local Authority  
Development of customised training programmes for 2 Universities a Youth Research Trust and several community organisations.  
Private sector training and business development  
Research into Universal Credit for several clients  
Development of a money management/universal credit 1 day workshop for a large housing association

**Members**

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Cushman & Wakefield (formerly DTZ)

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### General Information

C&W is a global multidisciplinary property services organisation which provides public and private sector clients around the world with property and economic development advice.

Our UK Development Team operates across the UK advising public and private sector clients on a wide range of property, regeneration and economic development related issues and comprises over 75 members of professional staff including Chartered Surveyors, Town Planners and Economic Development Specialists.

We advise clients on all aspects of economic development, focusing particularly on where there is a distinct relationship to the built environment. We are unique in that we are able to apply our market facing property expertise to our leading economic development offer to bring market realities to our offer.

### Main Services

Our service offer includes:

- Business case development and appraisal
- Funding bids and strategy
- Economic appraisal/options appraisal
- Economic impact analyses
- Socio-economic assessments
- Feasibility/demand assessments
- Property market reports/analyses
- Economic strategy and masterplans
- Business planning
- Investment frameworks/growth plans
- Delivery advice/funding
- Viability appraisals
- Policy development
- Site appraisal/analysis/acquisition
- OJEU Procurement

We advise over 1 in 3 of all Local Authorities nationally, we are retained Panel advisors the HCA and are also advising a number of LEPs and Central Government departments of key economic development challenges. We are retained independent appraisal advisors to a number of LEPs.

### Recent Projects

Retained advisors to the Sheffield City Region LEP

Retained appraisal advisors to the Swindon and Wiltshire LEP

Retained independent appraisal advisors to the Lancashire LEP

LEP business case development - Wiltshire Council, Newcastle City Council, Heart of the South West LEP, Derbyshire County Council

Markham Vale Enterprise Zone site – capital grant fund – business case which secured £14.2m from Treasury

Enterprise Zone Impact and Delivery Advice in relation to 20 of the 24 EZ sites nationally on behalf of DCLG

Enterprise Zone Business Case development – we supported 5 LEPs with the development of business cases

Economic Impact Assessment of major UK plc business

RGF bids - secured £30m across 6 rounds

HLF bids

Innovation Centre Feasibility Work

Town centre masterplans

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**General Information**

DC Research Ltd is an economics, culture and regeneration research and consultancy company, operating across the UK from the North West and the Midlands.

We provide analysis and advice to a range of clients. With pride and passion driving all aspects of our work, we deliver rigorous, high quality, research-driven and impact focused expert advice on economics, culture and regeneration matters.

DC Research was established in 2008 by its current Directors - Jonathan Durnin and Dr Stephen Connolly. With over 30 years combined experience in regeneration, economic development, culture, evaluation, research and policy support, Jonathan and Stephen have extensive experience of providing a range of evaluation, impact assessment, research, and policy & partnership solutions and advice.

**Main Services**

**Evaluation:** Experience of delivering a range of independent and rigorously researched studies using portfolio of methods to access stakeholders, deliverers, beneficiaries.

**Economic Impact Assessments:** Industry standard Green Book services, as well as specialist expertise in adapting impact analysis to unique facilities.

**Policy Research:** independent, objective, well researched advice including: project appraisals, resource mapping, and performance and impact frameworks.

**Local Profiling and Assessments:** Essential supporting component of our other research services, as well as a service in its own right.

**Strategic Advice & Action Planning:** Approaches to support clients in scoping, and developing focused and well evidenced bids and implementing interventions in competitive times.

**Recent Projects**

Economic Impact Case Study: Arts and Creative Industries in the Outer Hebrides, Creative Scotland, HIE, SDS, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar

Birmingham WNF Worklessness & Enterprise Programme Evaluations, Birmingham City Council

Economic Impact Assessment of Heart of Hawick, Scottish Borders Council

Economic Impact Assessment of Yorkshire Sculpture Park

Economic Impact Assessment: Arts & Creative Industries in Scotland, Creative Scotland

Economic Impact of BBC Radio 1 Big Weekend, Carlisle City Council

Impact Research in support of LSTF Grant Application to DfT, Cheltenham Development Task Force & partners

Evaluating Impacts of Partnership Working, The British Museum

Review of Museums Galleries Scotland Grant Programmes, MGS

Socio-Economic Impacts of The National Forest, National Forest Company

**Members**

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**General Information**

I have worked for the TEC and Business Link as a business adviser in the NW for a number of years. I have worked with the NW Regional Development Agency and Learning agencies.

I am now an independent consultant and associate working through training companies and assessment bodies.

I can be found through Linked-In which also provides recommendations.

**Main Services**

Business Adviser and Assessor for SQM and Investors in People.

I can help with business and training plans, business developments, people management, management development and recruitment.

My key areas of support are around training and development.

I am registered with CIPD, ILM, Lexcel, SFEDI and IiP

**Recent Projects**

Diagnostics and action plans with SMEs for growth and developments.

I have worked on commercial, retail, legal and professional projects in the North West area.

I have advised companies through the Investors in People process and also undertake assessments.

**Members**

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**General Information**

The Economic Strategy Research Bureau offers a wide range of economic research, evaluation and strategic consultancy services to public, private and third sector clients.

The Bureau is uniquely placed to combine proven practitioner expertise with academic excellence - using the bureau model to make this capability accessible and affordable to a wide range of clients. The Bureau undertakes ad hoc research, evaluation and consultancy projects on an on-going basis. In addition, it offers a range of subscription based economic briefing products and analytical support allowing clients to draw flexibly on specialist economic expertise as and when the need arises.

**Main Services**

Particular areas of expertise include:

Evidence based strategy / policy development  
Economic impact evaluation  
Scenario impact modelling  
Economic and labour market assessments  
Performance metrics / monitoring

**Recent Projects**

The Economic Strategy Research Bureau is currently working on a project for the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership - funded through a grant from the LEP Capacity Fund managed by the Department for Business Innovation and Skills.

The project combines production of a socio-economic profile of the D2N2 area, a review of available research on the economy of the area, capacity building activity with LEP Board members and officers, business engagement, and an economic appraisal of candidate priorities for action.

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**General Information**

Now in its 20th year of trading, ERS aims to make a positive contribution to economic, social and cultural development throughout the British Isles through the provision of expert knowledge and practical support. All work is undertaken in accordance with quality assurance systems independently certified to ISO 9001. Clients span a variety of government departments, non-departmental public bodies, local authorities, private companies, universities/colleges and third sector organisations. ERS reports have resulted in extensive media coverage, including television (BBC Breakfast, BBC News 24 and ITN News at Ten), radio (Today Programme, PM and 5 Live) and the printed press (Economist, Financial Times and Guardian).

**Main Services**

Evaluation Studies  
Economic and Social Impact Assessments  
Economic Profiling  
Strategies and Plans  
Policy Analysis and Advice

**Recent Projects**

Community Assets Audit, Lauder Development Trust  
Community Engagement, Healthwatch Wigan  
Employer Ownership of Skills Programme, TDA  
Economic Impact of Cultural Venues, NGCV  
Economic Impact of Olympics on Welsh Businesses, Welsh Government  
Economic Impact of Relocating Dublin Institute of Technology, GDA  
Economic/Social Impact of Proposed Potash Mine in North Yorks, Sirius Minerals  
Evaluation Framework for People's Collection Wales, Cymal  
Evaluation of Convergence and Competitiveness Programmes, WEFO  
Evaluation of Community Engagement Aspects of C2, Sustrans  
Evaluation of LEADER Local Action Groups, Cornwall Development Company  
Evaluation of Town Centre Regeneration Projects, Neath Port Talbot CBC  
Evaluation of Creative Industries iNet, Creative England  
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Geonomics is a consultancy company which provides economic development and business support to a wide range of public and private sector clients.

It was established in 2007 by Geoff Edge, who is the Managing Director. Prior to founding Geonomics he was for twenty five years Chairman and Chief Executive of WM Enterprise, a consultancy and venture capital company, which he founded. He has held senior roles with PE International and WS Atkins plcs.

As well as private sector knowledge he has wide experience of the public sector. He was a Member of Parliament and Parliamentary Private Secretary in the Department of Education and the Privy Council Office.

He later became Chairman of the Economic Development Committee of the former West Midlands County Council and Leader of Walsall MBC.

**Main Services**

Economic Development and Regeneration.

Economic Strategy Production  
Project and Programme Evaluations  
Market Towns and Rural Regeneration  
Deprived Area Strategies

Business Support Services.

Enterprise Skills Training  
Business Start Up Support  
Business Consulting  
Business Innovation Consulting  
Business Support to the Voluntary Sector  
Advice on Creating Local Authority and Public Sector Companies  
Temporary Executive Service

**Recent Projects**

Evaluation of the Wrexham Rural Development (LEADER) Programme. This looked at a wide range of business, heritage and community support projects in the rural parts of Wrexham Borough.

Evaluation of the Stafford and Staffordshire Moorlands LEADER Programme. This evaluation looked at the impact of community led projects in rural Staffordshire.

Business Planning for Brownhills Community Association. The Community Association were assisted with the production of a new business plan

following a cut in funding.

ERDF and Big Lottery funding applications for Hazrat Sultan Bahu Trust. The Trust owns a large Victorian building in inner Birmingham. Help was provided to bid for funding to turn the top floor into small office units and to create a new community facility.

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**General Information**

Happold Consulting is a strategic management consultancy, operating internationally. We routinely undertake detailed analysis of diverse places - whether mature urban centres or rapidly growing, transition economies - allowing us to produce intimate and accurate assessments of their economic, physical and social dynamics. We utilise this detailed knowledge to determine effective solutions to complex socio-economic problems and infrastructure needs. We work at the highest levels with national and municipal governments, private international business, civil society, global institutions and leading charitable foundations.

**Main Services**

Economic Analysis & Policy Research -

Detailed socio-economic and market analysis; Asset portfolio review; Locational investment analysis; Demographic forecasting.

Economic Strategy - Sustainable economic development strategies; Urban renewal and revitalisation strategy; Eco-city concept development and testing; Inward investment strategy

Economic Impact Assessment - Assessment of core economic impacts; Identification of direct, indirect and induced economic impacts; Multiplier effects; Social impacts

Economic Appraisal & Viability - Financial viability assessment; Business case-making; Cost benefit analysis; Risk assessment and mitigation

Evaluation - Evaluation of impacts of policy, programmes and investments

Delivery & Implementation - project design

**Recent Projects**

Detroit Works project. Client: City of Detroit Mayor's Office and Detroit Economic Growth Corporation, USA

Plymouth Citybus, Economic impact assessment. Client: Plymouth City Council

Eco-City Concepts - Middle East & Baltic States. Client: confidential

Addiriyah Integrated Development Plan. Client: Arriyadh Development Authority KSA

Cornwall Economic Appraisal Services. Client: Cornwall County Council

Makkah Region Economic Development Strategy. Client: Mayor of Jeddah & Saudi Arabian General Investment Authority KSA

UN Slum Upgrading Economic Programme. Client: UN-HABITAT

World Bank Energy Efficient Cities Programme. Client: World Bank

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**General Information**

Hardisty Jones Associates is a dedicated economic development, regeneration and sustainability consultancy. We work with both private and public sector clients to help plan and deliver efficient and effective economic development and regeneration in a sustainable way.

Hardisty Jones Associates was established to better meet clients' shifting needs, driven by the changes in the global economy, UK recession and dramatic cuts in public funding and support for economic development, regeneration and sustainable development.

**Main Services**

Appraisal  
Programme & Project Evaluation  
Economic Impact Assessment  
Strategy & Policy Development  
Project Development  
Housing Market Analysis  
Regeneration  
Sustainability

**Recent Projects**

Preparing an economic strategy for a major urban extension (Fareham Borough Council)

Developing the case for a Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)(Swindon Forward)

Socio-economic support on the case for a new nuclear power station in Somerset (Somerset County Council)

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**General Information**

Ingham Pinnock Associates is an economic development and regeneration consultancy.

Our strength is in combining economic development skills with masterplanning, management and delivery. We improve the performance of places and organisations by planning and implementing great projects. Our approach is to provide practical and precise advice and comprehensive support for our clients.

We have a significant and successful track record of working with the public, private and third sector. Whether our client is an organisation seeking to relocate or a town team seeking to regenerate their high street, we bring a fresh and practical approach to consulting and ensure projects are both aspirational and deliverable.

**Main Services**

Economic development:

Regeneration and economic development strategies  
Project evaluation and appraisal including Green Book  
Feasibility studies, outline and detailed business cases  
Social, economic and property market research  
Scoping, securing and managing grant funds  
Discount cash-flow modelling.

Masterplanning:

Economic masterplanning  
Land use advice  
Urban design and landscape expertise  
Planning policy advice and formulation  
Preparation and co-ordination of major planning applications and statutory consents.

Management and implementation:

Project leadership and organisation design  
Project management and co-ordination  
Land assembly advice including compulsory purchase  
Procurement and management of multi-disciplinary teams  
Major developer and investor procurements.

**Recent Projects**

Delivery and Regeneration Strategy - Aylsham, Norfolk

Relocation Outline Business Case - Newham College of Further Education (NCFE), Newham

Upton Lodge Farmhouse Feasibility Study - Upton, Northampton

Barclay Hall Options Appraisal - NCFE, Newham

Sandby Land Promotion Business Plan and Marketing Strategy - Sandby Limited

Regional Growth Fund, Round 3 - NEP, Northamptonshire

NewVic Relocation Options Appraisal - NewVic College, Newham

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**General Information**

Established in 2006, Innovas is a rapidly growing consultancy whose mission is to 'Create a Competitive Edge for People, Places and Organisations.

Our group is led by professionals with the passion, and experience to ensure the highest possible standards of service delivery and client care building on a knowledge of international best practice. Each company within the group focuses on different aspects of competitiveness:

- Enterprise & Employability
- Market Intelligence & Internationalisation
- Organisation Development

With our network of over 100 consultants, our approach creates collaborative teams combining industry experts, enterprise support practitioners, international trade development specialists, leading academics, to combine local knowledge with national expertise.

**Main Services**

Working across the board to embed an Enterprising Culture in business, education, government and the community, enabling businesses to grow and prosper and helping agencies understand the drivers for change, Innovas Consulting is totally committed to delivering Enterprise-Led Regeneration. We are focussed on supporting the public sector to develop practical strategies and plans for enterprise and employment growth by producing excellent research, promoting collaborative working, trialling new evidence-led approaches and continually re-thinking and challenging the status quo. Our range of public sector support packages includes: Research, Feasibility Studies, Policy and Strategy development, programme design, evaluation and impact assessments.

**Recent Projects**

Yorkshire Forward: Formative Evaluation of Business Link Services in Yorkshire & Humber between 2008-2011

National Skills Academy for Nuclear Wales : Engineering Skills for the Nuclear Industry: Business Plan Formulation

WAG: Review and Forward 5 year Strategy for Business Eye

STEMNET NW: Regional Activity Mapping Exercise

Impact Assessment of Yorkshire Forward's and the 5 Yorkshire LEGI Programmes investment in Enterprise Education between 2009-2012

Higher Education Funding Council for Wales (HEFCW) ? Evaluation of Third Mission Funding Strategies and Actions for all the Universities of Wales

Nottinghamshire County Council: Reducing barriers to Public Procurement for SMEs

BIS: Full Global and National Analysis of the Environmental, Renewable Energies and Low Carbon Technologies.

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Just the Business (JtB) used to be known as CBS Network Services and still maintains the link to CBS Network. CBS Network is a charity and was first established in 1981 to support community enterprise and community economic development.

JtB are a team of thoughtful and holistic practitioners committed to developing and sustaining organisations which contribute to a just world. We mainly work with social and community enterprises, voluntary organisations, local authorities and we make it our business to help bridge the gap between knowing what to do and being able to put it into practice. Our approach is to work closely with clients helping them to find and implement their own solutions.

**Main Services**

We have five highly experienced consultants and have been effective in carrying out work for clients that include local authorities, national agencies, community enterprises and voluntary organisations. We can offer a whole business approach.

Examples of typical services we offer include: mentoring; coaching; community and economic development; social added value; learning, education and research; organisational development; participatory consultation; and consensual planning

**Recent Projects**

Projects and consultancies include:

establishing the Social Audit Network (SAN); writing and publishing the revised Guide for Social Accounting and Audit; learning in social accounting; evaluations; curriculum development; support to community enterprise projects in India; business planning; social enterprise planning

Research projects include:

CEST Transfer - Learning Programme for social enterprise practitioners; Social Accounting and Audit Research Programme; CONSCISE: The Contribution of Social Capital in the Social Economy; RISO: Regional Intermediary Support Organisations;

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**General Information**

Lichfields is the pre-eminent planning and development consultancy in the UK. Our specialists offer insight, innovative thinking and expert advice to create great places for future generations.

We harness the power of data to help shape strategy and policy development, forecast growth and development needs, assess land use requirements, and test the feasibility and economic benefits of investment. Our team of experts present evidence to public inquiries and examinations. We apply rigour to our analysis, and know how to articulate what we find in clear, accessible and informative reports.

**Main Services**

- Economic Impact Assessments
- Economic Appraisals (including HM Treasury Green Book)
- Employment Land Reviews and Economic Development Needs Assessments
- Functional Economic Market Area (FEMA) Studies
- Investment Prospectuses
- Feasibility Studies
- Strategy and Policy Development
- Delivery Strategies

**Recent Projects**

- Economic impact assessments for Biggin Hill Airport and Metropolitan Line Extension
- Economic benefits prospectus for Sutton Tramlink
- Employment Land Reviews for Sheffield, Hull and Luton
- Economic future study for the Heart of Essex
- Economic strategy papers for Greater Brighton City Region
- Berkshire Functional Economic Market Area study
- HM Treasury Green Book appraisal of Science Central, Newcastle
- Economic assessment of housing growth options for Letchworth

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**General Information**

There's no shortage of consultants who get the basics right, but if you want personal attention from experienced consultants who really do know their field, and who work imaginatively to find solutions to your problems and insights into your practice, you've come to the right place.

We are known for doing high quality work, presented in clear, concise, easy-to-read, reports, and work which helps our clients to do their job better.

"The Merchant Navy Training Board has always found working with The Mackinnon Partnership very refreshing. They are responsive, thorough, ... they make constructive comments ... the reports they produce are easy to read, written in plain English ..." (Glenys Jackson, MNTB)

**Main Services**

We specialise in the labour market. Our core business is research and evaluation, and over the last 12 years we've built up a considerable client portfolio across the public sector in the UK, from national agencies to small local initiatives. We work throughout the policy cycle from strategy development through to evaluation and impact studies, and with a strong focus on a core of high quality research.

**Recent Projects**

- for Stevenage Council, supported the employment land review led by Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners with further work on the contribution of employment and skills to the wider economy.
- for the Lee Valley Park Authority and partners, employment and skills contribution to a review of 'legacy' for the Olympic whitewater centre in Broxbourne, Herts, and plans to enhance that legacy
- for Biggin Hill Airport Ltd, research to explore the feasibility of establishing a Training Academy to support the airport and related local employers.
- for the Peter Jones Enterprise Academy, we evaluated the start-up support which the Academy (originally, and formally, the National Skills Academy for Enterprise) received from SEEDA.
- for the Association of Colleges and the British Council, we researched the international activity of a range of organisations across the skills sector, and for the whole of the UK: colleges, work-based learning providers, Sector Skills Councils and awarding organisations.
- for Hainault Business Park Ltd, evaluation of an LDA-funded support programme which complements this industrial estate-based BID, and drafting of the Prospectus for its very successful renewal ballot
- for Ealing Broadway BID, research to establish the scope and nature of the student market in the town centre
- for Glasgow College of Nautical Studies, demand and supply side research into the maritime training market in Scotland
- for Skills for Health, research into the use of volunteers in the health sector, and various workforce development projects
- for Skills for Health, evaluation of a 17-project workforce development pilot in the West Midlands
- for LSC South East, research into flexibility by colleges and others which helps young people who are NEET

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Mark Stanton BA. Hons MIED set up as an independent consultant in June 2015. Mark was joint Head of Economic Development for Breckland and South Holland District Councils until June 2015. During his time at both Councils Mark attracted over £40 million in European funding which levered in a further £40 million in match for a variety of business growth and community projects. See LinkedIn profile for further information

### Main Services

Project development, management, delivery, monitoring and evaluation.

European Funding Bid writing and project set up

Project Audit preparation

Project Financial profiling and claims procedures

Needs analysis

Project workshops and training

Business support products and services

Grants administration

Interim service management

Property and asset management

### Recent Projects

Grants4Growth

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(See websites for information)

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**General Information**

Mickledore is a regional development consultancy made up of a team of experienced specialists and has emerged from 'big 4' consulting organisations. We typically work with public sector agencies on their overall economic development strategy and approach as well as providing training and development for their staff.

We have particular expertise in the field of inward investment and investor development. Mickledore can also provide public agencies with specialist advice on state aid and funding interventions. Our team has also advised a considerable number of significant private sector companies on grant funding for their investment projects.

**Main Services**

Economic Development Strategies

We have developed investment strategies for Regional Development Agencies as well as complete regeneration strategies for Local Authority areas or Sub-Regional Partnerships.

Planning, Analysis and Project Impact.

Mickledore has considerable expertise in developing economic baseline analyses and have undertaken framework support for Local Economic Assessments. We have also carried out a range of economic impact studies.

State Aid and Public Sector Funding

We offer both private and public sector clients a fund raising consultancy service.

Organisational Development

Mickledore provides organisation development within economic development, including investor development, inward investment and state aid.

**Recent Projects**

Bath & North East Somerset Council - establishing a support framework for undertaking and completing their Local Economic Assessment.

Liverpool Vision - in conjunction with Ernst & Young, undertaking the development of Liverpool City Region's Financial & Professional Services Cluster Strategy including analysis of current position and strategic action planning to support the growth and expansion of the sector.

UK Trade & Investment - development of programme to raise the profile and future performance of UK energy companies in overseas markets.

MIDAS (Manchester Inward Investment Agency) - a study on the feasibility, competitive position and legislative framework to establish a sub-regional Investment Development Fund.

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**General Information**

Novorda Ltd is a boutique multi-sector consultancy based in Cornwall

**Main Services**

Novorda operates in four broad areas of consultancy practice:

Business Intelligence  
General Business Consultancy  
Market Research  
Corporate Legal Services.

In terms of specifics, Novorda provides the following

Operational Research  
Market Research  
Management Consultancy  
Business Intelligence  
Competitor Research and Analysis  
Business Optimisation  
Process Development  
Feasibility Studies  
Project Management  
Expert Evaluations  
Process and Business Auditing  
Bespoke Reporting  
Bespoke Training Development and Consultancy  
Data Visualisation and Advanced Analytics  
Internal and External Investigative Tasks  
Legal Consultancy

and more

**Recent Projects**

Recent projects have been diverse and include multi sector support and development consultancy provided to a range of clients internationally - from large multinationals to SMEs

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**General Information**

Pegasus Group was established in 2003 and has grown to become a leading independent, national planning consultancy. Our Planning, Design, Environment and Economics teams specialise in every aspect of the planning process, ensuring optimal results for our clients.

We work for both the public and private sectors, providing robust, thorough and project specific advice. We are able to draw on our expertise across all scales of projects, ranging from individual properties to large scale urban extensions. Our wide experience encompasses many different sectors including: residential development, telecommunications, commercial, leisure and renewable energy.

**Main Services**

Pegasus Group has been involved in some of the country's highest profile development proposals, providing expertise across a range of areas including:

- Town Planning
- Environmental Planning
- Urban Design
- Landscape Design
- Retail/Commercial Planning
- Renewable Energy Planning
- Heritage
- Consultation
- Graphic Design
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**General Information**

Peter is an experienced consultant specialising in regeneration and economic development through tourism, leisure, hospitality and culture.

**Main Services**

Core consultancy services:

- Feasibility Studies
- Options Appraisals
- Market Demand and Need Assessments
- Economic Impact
- Supporting Evidence for Planning Applications and Appeals
  
- Regeneration and Economic Development

**Recent Projects**

Recent projects have included a viability assessment of a holiday caravan park in West Sussex to inform a planning application, as well as market segmentation analysis to inform the re-provision of a leisure centre on behalf of a London Borough.

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**General Information**

An independent consultancy offering integrated Economic Development and Town Planning services. Prior to establishing the consultancy principal Chris Collison managed the Economic Development function at Mansfield District Council for more than ten years responding to the collapse of the mining industry. During this time the local economy was radically transformed through skill development, inward investment, business growth and the establishment of social enterprises. Major projects included the development of several business parks, town centre improvement and the re-introduction of passenger rail services. Chris played a lead role in the establishment and work of a sub-regional partnership covering seven district council areas and served as a Member of the National Coalfields Taskforce.

**Main Services**

Development and support of cross sector partnership working

Service improvement plans and restructuring proposals

Development of shared service arrangements

Support in development of economic policy and strategies

Advice regarding town centre revitalisation, neighbourhood renewal and the development of visitor attractions

Advice regarding development of sites and premises

**Recent Projects**

Appointment to Independent Casino Advisory Panel reporting to Parliament

Membership of Joint Planning Authority Team for 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and input to employment legacy planning work

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**General Information**

Ribble Consultants is a small economic development consultancy specialising in public sector and community based projects. We have general skills related to:

- Strategy and policy development, dealing with people at all levels, and including policy support at governmental level.
- Establishment of new organisations and projects from scratch in unsupportive environments.
- Financial analysis including the performance of feasibility studies for new financial schemes and agreements with banks.
- Assistance in understanding of the problems of small private enterprises and ways of dealing with them.
- Ability to take an independent view - not linked to any large consulting company or long term project.

**Main Services**

Independent economic development consultant based in North East England

Evaluation, including testing cherished theories to destruction. Practical experience of setting up new projects and strategies from scratch in less than supportive environments.

Development of project ideas - turning vague ideas into clear propositions, particularly where there is a need for development of consensus between a large number of stakeholders, and where the objectives are not primarily financial.

Coaching the public sector and helping public sector organisations to facilitate meetings amongst partnerships.

Connections with Hungary including language skills.

High level computer skills (used to be a computer programmer).

**Recent Projects**

Defra - Feasibility of establishing a North East England Sustainable Fisheries Community Interest Company

Sunderland City Council - Elaboration of projects in the enterprise strand of the Working Neighbourhoods Strategy

Voluntary Organisations' Network North East (VONNE) - Regional ICY Strategy for the VCS

Back on the Map - Evaluation of projects in the spheres of Education and in Housing and Environment

Regional Infrastructure Consortium (of the Third Sector) - Communications Strategy

Leicester City Council - Advice on procurement from the VCS

North East Cultural Diversity Arts Forum (now Intercultural Arts) - Business Plan

Hartlepool Anti Social Behaviour Unit - Review of the Family Intervention Programme

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**General Information**

We are a leading economic development and regeneration consultancy, with a strong track record in delivering independent and objective consultancy services.

For more than 20 years, we have designed, developed and implemented a wide range of interventions to support regeneration, enterprise growth and development.

We are client focused and use our research and innovation to fuse opportunity with emerging policy and funding opportunities.

Since 2013, the company, through its Director David Howells, has been an Economic Growth Adviser for the Local Government Association (LGA) and have worked with a number of local authorities on supporting the design, development and implementation of local economic growth programmes.

**Main Services**

We provide consulting services at every stage of the project process and are supporting Government, local authorities, Local Enterprise Partnerships, Universities and the private sector in delivering economic development and growth. Our main service areas include:

- Strategy development
- Area regeneration
- Business planning and feasibility studies
- Enterprise development
- Culture, leisure and tourism

**Recent Projects**

Our project portfolio demonstrates a proven track record in providing leadership, support and direction in shaping and managing the delivering of economic growth programmes and projects. Recent project include:

## Economic Growth

- Providing a range of economic growth services to a number of local authorities throughout England

## Strategy Development

- Weymouth Economic Plan
- Portland Economic Plan

## Business Planning

- Business Plan and Regional Growth Application for the Sussex Bio-Innovation Centre for the University of Sussex

## Enterprise development

- Graduate entrepreneurship programme for Brunel University London

- Range of ERDF funding applications to support enterprise growth and development

#### Tourism

- Review of Visit Brighton Tourism Services
- Thanet Accommodation study

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**General Information**

Our purpose is to help shape a better future by promoting equality and social inclusion.

We take an entrepreneurial approach to tackling inequality and exclusion.

We use our specialist professional research and fundraising skills and our commercial consultancy experience. We work with other like minded organisations to promote equality and social inclusion through:

- research and evaluation,
- development and fundraising,
- sharing ideas and knowledge, and
- testing new approaches.

**Main Services**

We work with organisations in economic and community development to tackle disadvantage through:

- research and evaluation,
- development and fundraising,
- sharing ideas and knowledge, and
- testing new approaches.

**Recent Projects**

As part of an EU funded project, we researched and produced 20 case studies about projects which were demonstrating impact in tackling youth unemployment and 20 case studies of initiatives to promote entrepreneurship among young people across the EU.

We researched and produced in-depth case studies of eight Rayne Fellows. The Rayne Fellows are refugees to the UK who received support from the Rayne Foundation to implement a 'Big Idea' which would help build bridges between refugee communities and mainstream society.

'Europe works for London' takes a fresh approach to raising awareness and understanding of the EU's policy and communication priorities and their impact, especially amongst those members of London's disadvantaged and excluded communities. Watch out for the film in 2015

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**General Information**

Helping the public and private sector to deliver successful economic growth

Previously economic development manager and officer at South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse, Ipswich, Southampton and Fenland

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**Main Services**

Sound economic knowledge and advice for:

Funding applications  
Planning applications and policy  
Strategies and business plans  
Marketing  
Project management and evaluation

**Recent Projects**

Regional Growth Fund applications (£7m awarded)  
Local Infrastructure Fund applications (£35m awarded)  
Growing Places Fund applications (£6.25m awarded)  
Science Vale Enterprise Zone application  
Milton Park Local Development Order (15 year term, permitted development for 120,000 square metres)  
Neighbourhood planning frontrunner applications for Thame and Woodcote

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**General Information**

Wavehill ([www.wavehill.com](http://www.wavehill.com)) was established in 1993 and provides social research, economic development, evaluation consultancy and related training products and services to clients throughout the UK and beyond from our offices in Bristol, London and west Wales.

With over 20 years of experience, our aim is to improve the programmes, schemes and projects that we work with for the benefit of the businesses, people and communities that they are designed to help.

We specialise in a number of sectors and areas of work:

- Research with 'hard to reach' groups
- European projects and programmes
- Learning, skills and worklessness
- Community regeneration
- The third sector
- Children and young people
- Healthy living
- Rural development
- Regeneration
- Business and enterprise

**Main Services**

Our services are designed to help our clients decide what to do, understand what they have achieved and also to improve what they do. They are grouped under three thematic areas:

Plan - Helping you to decide what to do and how best to do it:

- Strategy development
- Project design
- Feasibility studies
- Stakeholder consultations
- Community consultations

Reflect - Helping you to understand what you've achieved and how well you've done it:

- Evaluation
- Surveys
- Social Return on Investment
- Economic impact assessment

## Develop

- Tools for the job, We are experts at developing tailored, usable research tools designed to identify exactly what you want, when you want it.
- Training
- Mentoring

## Recent Projects

- Ongoing evaluation of Catalyst Business Support, Birmingham City Council
- Mapping the Creative Industries in Wales, Welsh Government
- Economic Regeneration Strategy for Ceredigion, Ceredigion CBC
- Employer Skills Survey, Somerset County Council
- The Enterprise Network Evaluation, Wiltshire Council
- Economic Impact and SROI of Axis 1 & 3 Activities through the RDP for England, DEFRA
- Impact evaluation of the High Potential Starts Programme, Welsh Government
- Economic and Social Impact of Public Realm Investment in Brentford and Hounslow town centres
- Programme Evaluation of Axis 3 & 4 of the Welsh RDP, Welsh Government
- Evaluation of Communities First, Welsh Government
- Evaluation of the Food and Drink Supply Chain Skills Development Project, LANTRA

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**General Information**

YTKO is one of the UK's leading economic development and business support companies with a 30-year track record in starting and growing successful businesses.

With a team of 85 staff, headquartered in Cambridge, our work covers the UK and Europe, and our portfolio of international projects is growing too.

We are an award-winning consultancy specialising in business growth: for start-ups and SMEs, and for larger companies seeking expansion opportunities.

**Main Services**

We have extensive experience in assisting entrepreneurs to start up businesses, both directly and through publicly funded programmes. Over the last decade, YTKO has been directly involved in advising and helping nearly 2000 individuals through the pre- and start-up stages, of all ages, sectors, backgrounds and geographies.

Our business model is simple: we aim to make our own and our clients' businesses more successful by increasing their revenues and market share. In this way we all contribute to economic prosperity through creating wealth and jobs.

We have substantial expertise in access to funding, women's enterprise, enterprise education, and innovation and collaboration networks. All our services are focused on growing innovative and competitive businesses.

**Recent Projects**

YTKO understands economic development priorities and we focus our support resources on those clients with most growth potential, whilst ensuring a fully inclusive and accessible service. Our principal enterprise programmes and networks include:

- Outset - enterprise awareness, pre-enterprise support and start-up
- Outset Finance - access to finance for under-represented groups
- Enterprising Women - virtual business support community and mentoring
- Enterprise Fellowships - proof of market and research commercialisation in academia
- Partner to Succeed - business collaboration for SMEs looking for commercial growth
- Booster - growth training and development

**Members**

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