



Resilient Entrepreneurial
Communities

Help the Next Entrepreneur Say “Yes!”

Driving Sustainable Growth
and Cohesion Through
Entrepreneurship



OUR VISION

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Welsh ICE is more than just a social enterprise; it's a catalyst for change. We empower individuals within marginalised communities to not only start and grow businesses, but to become drivers of positive transformation.

Through our vibrant and diverse community of entrepreneurs, we create an environment where innovation thrives, support is felt, and milestones are celebrated.

By supporting Welsh ICE, you are investing in people, potential and lasting local impact.

Join us in backing the entrepreneurs who will help shape a fairer, stronger and more resilient Wales.



Our Story

Founded in 2012, Welsh ICE began as a coworking space with a mission to support entrepreneurs in Caerphilly and beyond. Over the years, we've grown into a vibrant, connected community that empowers individuals to start, grow, and scale their businesses.



What we do

Our vision is to create resilient entrepreneurial communities across Wales. We're committed to helping businesses become sustainable drivers of positive change, both economically and socially. By creating environments that foster creativity, collaboration, and growth, we aim to fuel a future where innovation and opportunity are accessible to everyone.



Partnership Opportunities

An Invitation to Give Back Through Welsh ICE

For over a decade, Welsh ICE has supported thousands of entrepreneurs across Wales through community, mentoring, workspace, training and belief.

But for many people, Welsh ICE became far more than business support.

It became:

- ✦ the first place they felt understood
- ✦ the first time someone believed in their idea
- ✦ the confidence to take themselves seriously
- ✦ a supportive community during difficult moments
- ✦ a space to explore possibility and potential
- ✦ a turning point in their entrepreneurial journey

Over the years, we've seen first ideas become businesses, side projects become livelihoods, and individuals grow into confident founders, freelancers, creatives and community leaders.

Today, Welsh ICE continues to support entrepreneurs across Wales, particularly within communities where confidence, opportunity and support networks can still feel out of reach.


“You are an incredible organisation and have given me a fantastic framework to turn my business ideas into a tangible endeavour. Thank you Welsh ICE!”

- Amy Williams

Partnership Opportunities

As economic pressures continue to affect many individuals and communities, accessible entrepreneurial support has never mattered more.

Many people already have the ideas, creativity and determination to build something for themselves, but often lack the confidence, networks, guidance or support needed to take the first step.

That's why we're inviting long-standing members, alumni, partners and supporters of Welsh ICE to help widen access to entrepreneurial opportunity for the next generation 

"I've been on a number of funded courses and felt like I got nothing out of them at all but every day I feel like it helped me fill in knowledge gaps and organise the knowledge I already had. Thank you!"

- Greg de Hoedt



Ways to Support



Support Entrepreneurial Access: From £250

Help Welsh ICE continue creating accessible pathways into entrepreneurship for people who may otherwise never engage with traditional business support.

Your support helps sustain:

- ✦ subsidised programme access
- ✦ grassroots outreach and engagement
- ✦ mentoring and peer support
- ✦ confidence-building activity
- ✦ founder community and networking
- ✦ accessible entrepreneurial guidance
- ✦ local workshops and community activity

Example Impact

A contribution at this level could help someone access entrepreneurial support, mentoring or confidence-building activity at a critical early stage in their journey.



Ways to Support



Sponsor Future Founders: From £500

Support targeted entrepreneurial resilience activity for underserved groups and communities across Wales.

This may include:

- ✦ young entrepreneurs and under-25s
- ✦ women founders
- ✦ grassroots community enterprise activity
- ✦ confidence and resilience workshops
- ✦ founder wellbeing initiatives
- ✦ networking and peer support opportunities
- ✦ accessible startup and self-employment pathways

Example Impact

Support at this level could help Welsh ICE deliver targeted entrepreneurial activity within communities where access to support, confidence and opportunity is often limited.

“I love the course. I feel the course has definitely helped me bring starting my business forward and given me the confidence to go ahead.”

- Jayne Gonzalez

Ways to Support



Become an ICE Community Partner: £1,000+

Help Welsh ICE continue building resilient entrepreneurial communities across Wales through long-term ecosystem support and community-rooted opportunity creation.

Community Partners help sustain the wider support systems, connections and opportunities that enable future founders to thrive.

Community Partners Receive

- ✓ recognition within the ICE community
- ✓ opportunities to engage with future founders
- ✓ impact updates and community stories
- ✓ invitations to selected events and opportunities
- ✓ opportunities to support future entrepreneurial activity across Wales

“In 8 weeks I have gone from having a semi-formed idea with no confidence or belief in it or myself, to having built the business, developed a marketing strategy, sorted my start up finances and actually launching! I honestly don't think I would have done this without the 5-9 Club.”

- Rachel Gale

Why Welsh ICE?

Because entrepreneurship changes more than businesses.

It changes:

- ♥ confidence
- ♥ life trajectories
- ♥ local economies
- ♥ communities
- ♥ belief in what's possible

Many of the entrepreneurs we support simply need:

- someone to believe in them
- a supportive network
- accessible guidance
- space to explore ideas
- and the confidence to begin

That's what Welsh ICE exists to provide.

If Welsh ICE played a meaningful role in your own journey, we'd love to invite you to help create those same opportunities for others. Together, we can help build a more resilient, connected and entrepreneurial Wales

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Our Values

Community

We're dedicated to making a positive impact in the communities where we operate, and tackle isolation among entrepreneurs to support the longevity of businesses.

Collaboration

We believe in the power of teamwork and collaboration, building a culture of respect, trust, innovation and cooperation among staff, partners, and members.

Excellence

We're committed to delivering exceptional quality and value in our courses, services, and operations, always striving for excellence.

Empowerment

We empower our members to embrace challenges, take initiative, and achieve their full potential.

Diversity & Inclusion

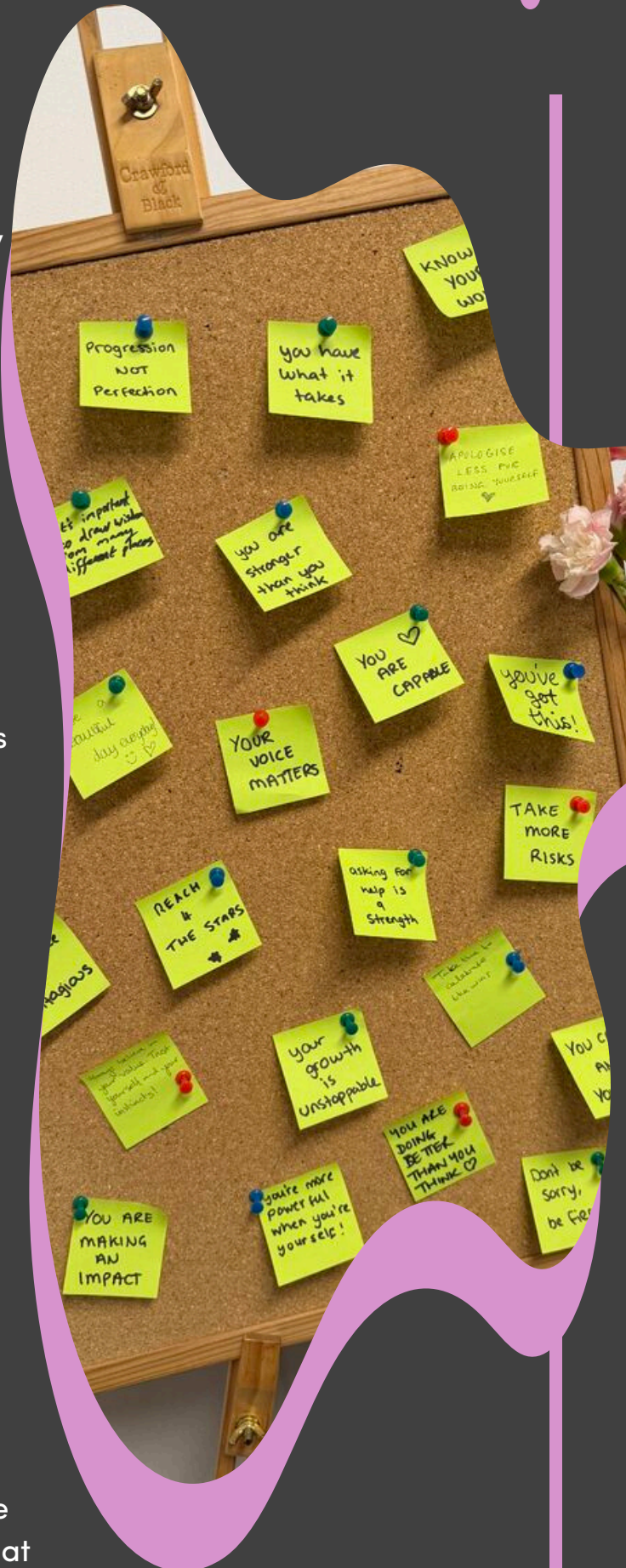
We celebrate diversity and inclusivity, valuing unique perspectives and contributions, fostering innovation and enriching our community.

Sustainability

Our commitment to the environment is reflected in our practices and goals, ensuring we grow responsibly.

Fun

We know that a thriving business environment can also be a joyful one. We prioritise well-being, creating a space that balances hard work with positive energy.



The Impact of Welsh ICE support



Confidence

Build the confidence, skills and belief needed to take their first steps into entrepreneurship and create sustainable futures for themselves.



Community

Create welcoming entrepreneurial communities where people can connect, collaborate and feel part of something bigger than themselves.



Clustering

Strengthen local entrepreneurs together in ways that encourages collaboration, innovation and long-term local economic growth.

5-9 Club, Caerphilly

Without attending the 5-9 club, there is no way I would have the **confidence** to start my own business.

Now, it is happening!!





5-9 Club, Newport

I had the opportunity to take part in a 5 to 9 Club, and it was an experience that genuinely exceeded my expectations.

It was clear that Welsh ICE is deeply invested in supporting local entrepreneurs and small businesses in a meaningful, practical way. What stood out most was the level of expertise, support, and enthusiasm shown by the lecturers and guest speakers who featured on a weekly basis.

Overall, the 5 to 9 Club was an incredibly valuable experience and a reminder of how strong the business support ecosystem in Wales can be.

