

DEVELOPMENT TRUSTS
ASSOCIATION SCOTLAND

Marketplace Guide

DTAS Annual Conference 2026



The Marketplace

See below for summaries of each marketplace stall holder at this year's conference.

Table 1 - Keegan & Pennykid Insurance Brokers

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Insurance Brokers.

Keegan & Pennykid are Independent Insurance Brokers, and risk advisors, who can assist your members with reviewing their cover needs and arranging appropriate tailored insurance coverage whether that is for newly formed Trusts who are beginning their journey or for those who are long established too. We also, in the event of loss or damage, provide direct claims help, assistance and support through claims process.

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Table 2 - Community Energy Scotland



The Energy Learning Network is UK wide and shares learning and resources, and supports collaboration between communities acting on energy. When groups tell us about the common gaps and barriers in support, we help address areas where this is most needed.

By sparking knowledge sharing and enabling peer learning, we're involved in increasing the scale and impact of community energy by bringing together organisations across the UK. We run a successful peer mentoring programme and technical helpline which we can discuss with you when you call and see us at the conference.

We also assist partner organisations to support the sector through collaboration and engagement; discussions with local authorities and other potential partners are always welcome.

Table 3 - Architectural Heritage Fund



The Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF) is a registered charity, working since 1976 to promote the sustainable re-use of historic buildings for the benefit of communities across the UK.

The AHF exists to help communities find enterprising ways to revitalise the historic buildings they love with advice, grants and loans. Our support acts as a catalyst for putting sustainable heritage at the heart of vibrant local economies. For 50 years, we've been the leading social investor in creating new futures for historic buildings.

If your group is looking at taking on, or repurposing a historic building that's important to your community, then ask as about our flexible early stage development grants, or our comprehensive loan support!

Find out more: www.ahfund.org.uk/scotland

Table 4 - Crown Estate Scotland



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The Scottish Crown Estate, managed by Crown Estate Scotland, is a remarkable resource; a unique and diverse portfolio of natural and built assets that spans seabed, coastline, rural estates, commercial property, housing, infrastructure and more.

Our core purpose is investing in property, natural resources and people to generate lasting value for Scotland.

Since 2020, we have distributed more than £2.25mil through our Sustainable Communities Fund, including Community Capacity Grants which support community-led activity taking place on or around the Scottish Crown Estate.



Table 5 - Royal Bank of Scotland

Royal Bank of Scotland has a strong heritage supporting community-based businesses. Royal Bank of Scotland has paved the way in banking ever since it was established in 1727. From the world's first overdraft and the first house purchase loan by a UK bank to the first fully-fledged internet banking service and mobile banking app, the bank has a history of making life easier for its customers. Across Scotland, the Royal Bank of Scotland has teams offering customers the support and the skills to make the most of online and mobile banking.

Through Royal Bank of Scotland Social & Community Capital (S&CC), we are building on that support, helping potential and existing social entrepreneurs who are unable to access sufficient finance through mainstream channels. We will look to support viable charities, social enterprises, community interest companies and co-operatives who are sustainable, deliver high levels of social value and are investment ready.

S&CC offers a range of loan products tailored to different organisational needs, with amounts ranging from £30,000 to £500,000 and repayment terms up to 15 years. Interest rates typically range from 4% to 8%, depending on the loan type and security arrangements. Beyond funding, S&CC provides guidance on business and digital skills, networking opportunities, to help organisations expand and thrive

Table 6 - DTAS Community Ownership Support Service (COSS)



The Community Ownership Support Service (COSS) is one of three teams within Development Trusts Association Scotland. COSS has been funded by the Scottish Government to support community based groups in Scotland take a stake in or ownership of previously publicly owned land or buildings.

We also support and advise relevant authorities on all aspects of the asset transfer process. COSS also run the New Futures - Former Places of Worship programme to provide enhanced support to community groups considering bringing a church into their ownership across Scotland.

The programme was launched in direct response to the significant and unprecedented number of former places of worship that are due for disposal over the next several years.

Table 7 - DTAS Democratic Finance



The Democratic Finance Scotland (DF) is one of three teams within Development Trusts Association Scotland. The DF programme supports community-led organisations to explore & use alternative methods of raising finance & funding. Specifically, we support with methods where the money is:

- Sourced locally from everyday people and local businesses
- Used locally to start or grow democratic community enterprises or purchase sustainable community assets

Table 8 - Plunkett UK

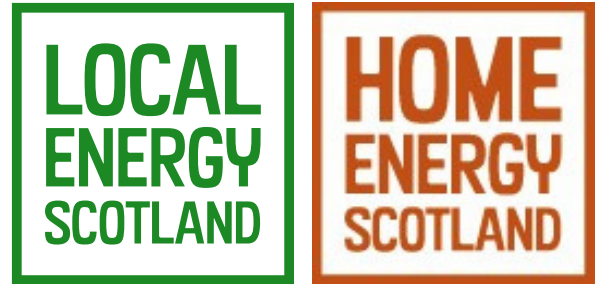
Plunkett UK is a national charity which supports people in rural areas to set up and run a wide range of businesses in democratic community ownership.

Plunkett supports over 800 trading community-owned businesses and a further 800 in our pipeline. Scottish Government funds our Rural & Island Community Pubs & Shops Partnership and we work collaboratively with our partners at Democratic Finance to help community-owned businesses across Scotland, whether early start-ups or those that have been open and trading for years.

We help with

- practical specialist community business adviser support direct to groups on all aspects
- peer support and networking between community businesses
- supplier deals on goods and services for our member community businesses
- raising awareness of community ownership as a successful model of business in rural places
- representing our members' interests and the lived experience of the needs of rural communities

Table 9 - Local Energy Scotland with Home Energy Scotland



Local Energy Scotland

The Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) supports communities to engage with, participate in and benefit from the energy transition to net zero emissions.

Delivered by Local Energy Scotland, CARES provides funding and support for community groups to install renewable technologies such as heat pumps and solar panels in their community buildings to save energy and cut their carbon emissions.

Local Energy Scotland can help you with your local energy project by offering:

- free, expert, and impartial advice
- funding through grants and no/low interest loans
- free online resources including toolkits and project guides
- technical support - for example, to complete a feasibility study
- access to project managers to develop your project
- mobilisation support for capital projects – design review, costs, and procurement support
- ongoing support with project development and delivery
- mentoring and community online discussion in its Facebook group

Find out more at www.localenergy.scot

Home Energy Scotland

Home Energy Scotland offers free, expert and impartial advice to help people across Scotland save energy, lower bills and make homes warmer and easier to heat. We help householders to reduce their carbon footprint, live more sustainably and contribute to a greener future for everyone.

Table 10 - Historic Environment Scotland



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Historic Environment Scotland is the lead public body established to investigate, care for and promote Scotland's historic environment. We know that heritage matters to people and the communities they live in. Many of DTAS members own or manage a historic building, provide opportunities to learn and engage with their local heritage or support the protection or conservation of the heritage assets in their places. Heritage may play a key part in attracting visitors to your communities, generating income or helping residents wellbeing. Historic Environment Scotland can provide you with advice and support as well as funding opportunities and guidance to help you care for your historic environment. We have created a specific area of our website to provide more information—www.historicenvironment.scot/advice-and-support/communities and if you want to get in touch contact drop us an email developmentandcommunity@hes.scot

Table 11 - The National Lottery Community Fund



At The National Lottery Community Fund, we work within and alongside communities across the UK to strengthen society and build a better future. Thanks to National Lottery players, we fund thousands of projects, supporting communities to create change locally and at scale.

We award funding to projects that help communities come together; be environmentally sustainable; help children and young people thrive, and enable people to live healthier lives.

In Scotland, our eight regional teams ensure our funding is accessible and responsive to local needs.

We also deliver the Scottish Land Fund in partnership with Highlands and Islands Enterprise on behalf of the Scottish Government, and distribute dormant assets funding through our Young Start programme.

We'll be at the Marketplace to chat about your project ideas, including community ownership ambitions—come and say hello at table 11.

Contacts for funding enquiries.

Tel: 0300 123 7110

Home | The National Lottery Community Fund



Table 12 - STEP

STEP HR – Supporting DTAS Members with Expert HR Solutions

STEP HR is an outsourced HR service supporting organisations across Scotland. We provide tailored HR solutions, ensuring compliance with legislation and best practices while offering practical, people-focused advice.

For DTAS members, we offer:

- Assistance with essential policies, procedures, and templates.
- On-call HR support – free initial advice and discounted additional support.
- Training on key HR topics, from employment law to leadership.
- Practical HR guidance on contracts, recruitment, performance management, and workplace culture.

With extensive experience supporting third-sector organisations, we deliver flexible, cost-effective HR support that meets the needs of development trusts.

Other services include, ILM accredited coaching and mentoring courses, executive coaching and mediation.

For more information, contact:

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Table 13 - Community Enterprise

Do you have an amazing idea, but need some support to implement it? Community Enterprise provides development support to social enterprises, charities and voluntary groups to help make ideas a reality.

Table 14 - The National Lottery Heritage Fund



The National Lottery Heritage Fund are the largest funder for the UK's heritage. Using money raised by National Lottery players, we distribute grants from £10,000 to £10million to support projects across the UK that connect people and communities to their heritage.

We also distribute heritage funding on behalf of the UK and devolved governments.

Heritage can be anything from the past that you value and want to pass on to future generations. Understanding, valuing and sharing our heritage brings people together, inspires pride in place and supports local economies.

Since we were established in 1994, we have awarded £9.2billion of National Lottery and other funding to more than 52,000 projects across the UK.

In addition, we provide leadership and support across the heritage sector and advocate for heritage.

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Table 15 - DTAS Member Support

A Thriving Community-led Network

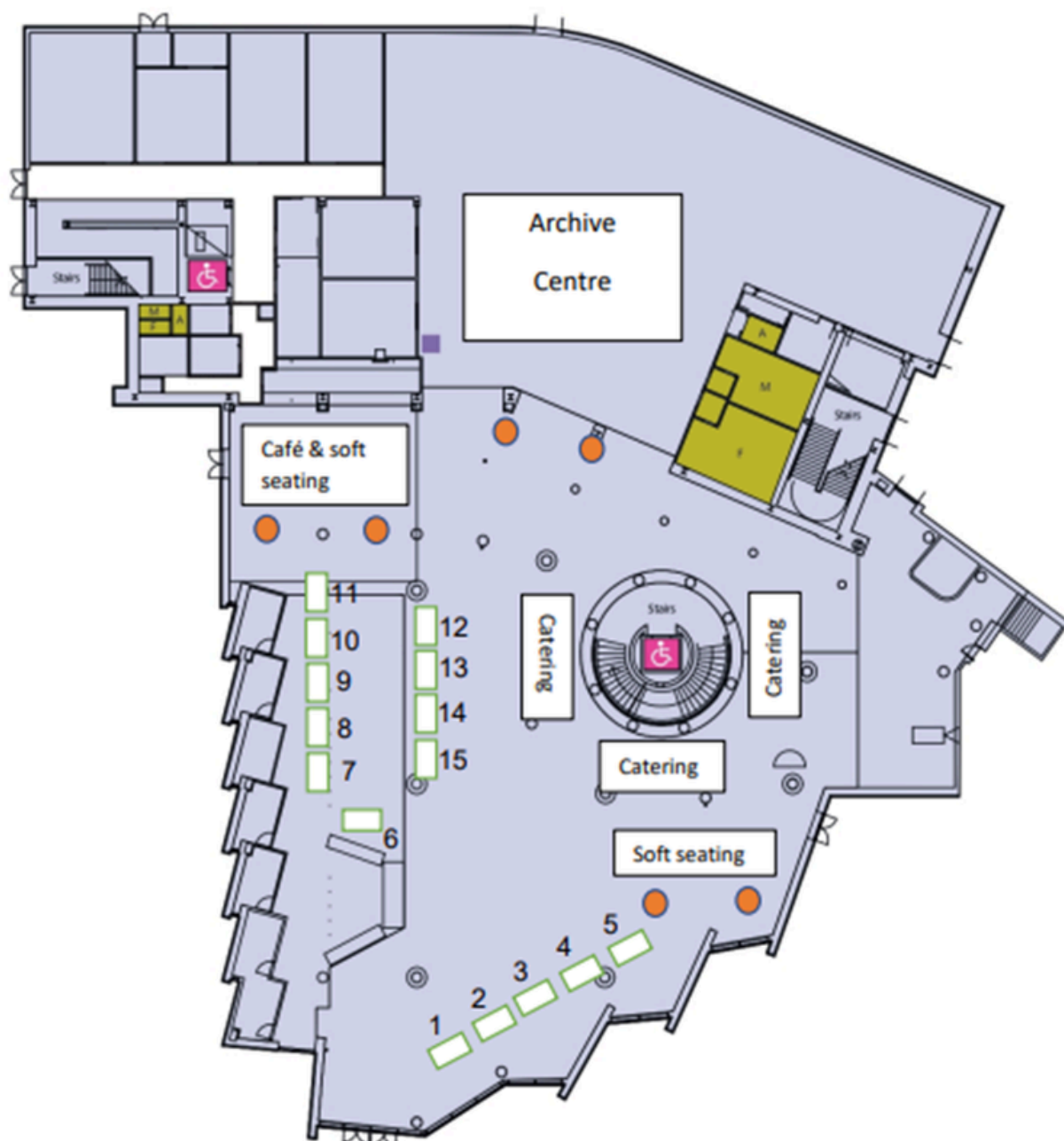
Practical support for development trusts across Scotland. DTAS Member Support team deliver a dedicated service to our 398 members – development trusts at every stage, from newly formed organisations to well-established community anchors. Our advisors provide hands-on, relationship-based support across governance, finance, people, strategy, and more. Whether you're navigating a difficult situation or planning for the future, we're here to help you think it through.

Map and Table Plan



University for the Common Good

Sir Alex Ferguson Library (Ground Floor)



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- Lecture Theatre
- Classroom
- Lifts
- Water Cooler

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- Female Toilet
- Male Toilet
- Unisex Toilet

- Gender Neutral Toilet
- Staff Female Toilet
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