

Fuelling potential: How microlenders transform lives and local economies



“Now I’m safe, I want to build a future for me and the kids...”

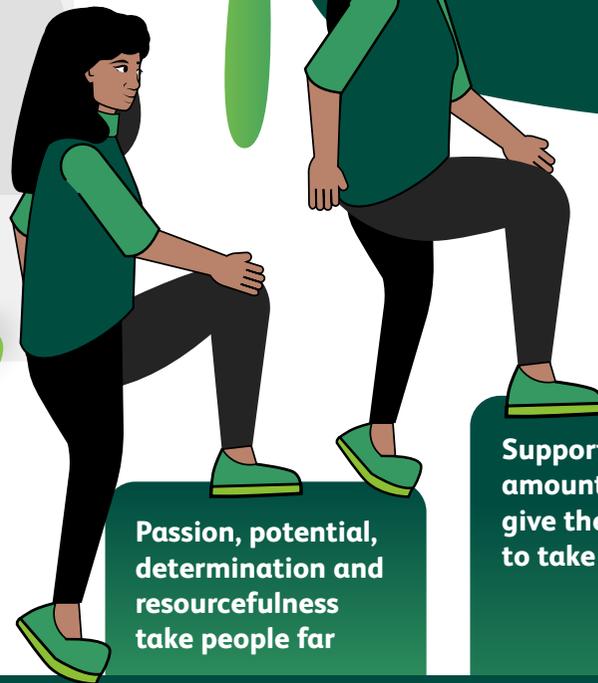
“I’ve served my time. But no-one will employ me...”

“I’ve come to Britain for a better life and want to start my own business...”

“I need to look after my partner but I could work for myself...”

If only I could get a little bit of funding and support, I know I could make it a success.

Nearly half of UK adults want to start their own business. Many struggle to get support, especially if they have been unemployed or ill, are refugees with the right to work, have lived experience of being vulnerable or are former prisoners.



Six specialist community development finance institutions (CDFIs):

- create **vital economic and social impacts**, such as £4.06 net gain to Treasury for every £1 invested in one CDFI
- provide **mentoring, grants, and no- and low-interest small loans** to become self-employed, launch a business or return to work
- **boost productivity and enrich communities** by supporting people into the workforce

Passion, potential, determination and resourcefulness take people far

Support and small amounts of finance give them the fuel to take off

These specialist, high-impact CDFIs play a **unique role in the finance ecosystem**, empowering people across the UK.

