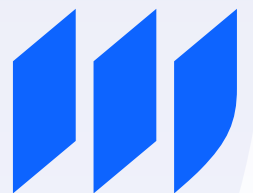


**Resources for female founders, including funding opportunities, networking, podcasts, mentorship and coaching, plus more.**





Working with start-ups is always a privilege, but there's something especially rewarding about supporting female founders. I admire their resilience in securing investment despite the challenges they face.

Their dedication, strength, and ability to stand their ground in tough negotiations is truly impressive. I recently advised a female founder who successfully negotiated key investment terms in her favour – achieving an incredible result that showcased both her belief in her vision and her ability to advocate for it with confidence.



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**Resources** →

# Funding Opportunities

- [Women in Innovation Awards](#): Innovate UK's funding and support for female innovators.
- [NatWest Back Her Business](#): Up to £5,000 in matched crowdfunding for female-led UK startups.
- [Cartier Women's Initiative](#): Up to £80,000 for women-led early-stage businesses with social or environmental impact.
- [Astia](#): Equity investment of £400,000 to £650,000 for high-growth, women-led businesses.
- [Fund Her North](#): Investment and expertise for women-led businesses in Northern England.
- [UnLtd Awards](#): Grants up to £18,000 for female entrepreneurs with social impact.



# Networking Opportunities

- [The British Association of Women Entrepreneurs \(BAWE\)](#): A network for business owners with capital at risk.
- [Women in Business Network](#): A membership organisation with a network of businesswomen across local groups in the UK and Ireland.
- [Women Entrepreneurs Network \(WEN\)](#): Hosts an annual Business Retreat, offering inspiring sessions, practical workshops, and community building
- [National Women's Enterprise Week](#): A week-long celebration for female entrepreneurs throughout the UK, scheduled for June 16-20, 2025
- [AllBright](#): A members' club with locations in London and Los Angeles, offering learning resources via the AllBright Academy.



# Accelerators and Incubators\*

- [Female Founder Accelerator](#): A nine-week programme from Barclays Eagle Labs and AccelerateHER featuring masterclasses, mentoring and networking.
- [Hatch Female Founders Accelerator](#): Offers up to £1,000 in grants, plus business coaching for early-stage female entrepreneurs.
- [Creative UK Female Founders Programme](#): A six-month initiative by British Business Bank for women-led businesses in creative industries.
- [NWEW Accelerator Programme](#): Provides resources and mentorship for female founders before pitching to investors (applications close 30 April 2025).
- [WE Innovate \(Imperial Enterprise Lab\)](#): A pre-accelerator program offering mentorship and support for female entrepreneurs.
- [Google's Immersion: Women Founders](#): A 12-week mentorship program for high-potential women-led startups in Europe.

**\*Women can and should apply for other relevant accelerator programmes too!**



# Mentorship and Coaching

- [Santander Breakthrough Women Business Leaders' Mentoring Programme](#): Offers matched mentoring with experienced leaders.
- [Cherie Blair Foundation for Women Mentoring Women in Business](#): An online, cross-border mentoring programme connecting women entrepreneurs with mentors.
- [Routes Collective Mentoring Programs](#): Trains women in business to mentor women from refugee backgrounds.
- [Women in Property](#): A role model mentoring scheme for members of this industry group.
- [Digital Boost](#): On a mission to make business mentorship and personalised support easily available to all small businesses and charities.



# Podcasts

- [Female Startup Club Podcast](#): Features interviews with female founders who share their experiences building businesses.
- [Ladies who launch](#): Inspiring tales from female leaders, hosted by Rochelle Humes
- [The Goal Digger Podcast](#): Provides actionable tips and motivation for women in business.
- [BossBabe](#): Shares insights into building successful businesses and achieving peak performance.
- [She Means Business Podcast](#): Hosted by Carrie Green, offering business advice and community support.
- [She Can. She Did](#): A podcast and community sharing real stories from female founders, including their challenges and triumphs.
- [Side Hustle Pro](#): Spotlights bold black women entrepreneurs who have scaled from side hustle to profitable business.
- [Conversations of inspiration](#): From Holly Tucker MBE, founder of notonthehighstreet.com, founders, creatives and entrepreneurs share their learning and wisdom.





# Online Communities

- [Driven Woman](#): Offers an online academy and social platform to connect with other women.
- [Prowess](#): Provides online resources for business owners, including a directory of local business networks.
- [WeAreTechWomen](#): A network with a membership of 25,000 women working across various industries and tech disciplines.
- [Fe/male Switch Community](#): A gamified platform designed to empower future female tech leaders, offering entrepreneurship training, mentorship and networking opportunities.





# Resources

## For underrepresented entrepreneurs

- [Hatch Female Founders](#): Offers up to £1,000 in grant funding, along with coaching and mentoring for early-stage founders.
- [Foundervine](#): Accelerator programmes and community for entrepreneurs from underrepresented backgrounds.
- [digitalundivided \(DID\)](#): Serves as a catalyst for Black and Latinx women entrepreneurs.
- Community Led Business Support Pilot: Supports local businesses, including those led by ethnic minority women, to connect them to growth-focused support. Check your local authority website for details.

## For women over 50

- [Ellevate Network](#): A global network for professional women, offering education and inspiration.
- [Brave Starts](#): A non-profit organisation which helps people typically aged 45-65+ through the next 10+ years of work.