

Regional Business Start-up Support

Organisation	Type of Support	Website
Ask About Business	Library resources: finding business ideas, business planning, market research, trade and business directories, intellectual property advice, free credit checks.	www.manchester.gov.uk/aab/
Natwest Entrepreneurial Spark (ESpark)	The world's largest free business accelerator for early stage and growing ventures.	www.entrepreneurial-spark.com/
COBRA Business Resources	COBRA contains all the information you need to turn your idea into a business.	www.manchester.gov.uk/
Stockport Business & Innovation Centre (Broadstone Mill)	Incubation and serviced office space, managed by Oxford Innovation.	www.stockport-bic.co.uk/
Idea Alive	Accelerator programme to create high growth businesses in the digital and creative sectors (IT, healthcare, science, media / education).	www.ideaalive.co.uk/
Innospace	Incubation Space. Hot desking and Start up space including business support and mentoring.	www.innospace.co.uk/
Unltd	Grants and mentoring for social entrepreneurs	www.unltd.org.uk
School for Social Entrepreneur	Providing training, networking and ongoing opportunities for social entrepreneurs in the North West.	www.the-sse.org/
Manchester Metropolitan University (MMU) Entrepreneur Exchange	MMU is working as part of a European partnership to help promote innovative small business start-ups, specifically in the food, hospitality and tourism sector. Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs (No upper age limit - Open to people with a new business idea and businesses within first 3 years of trading) is	www.mmucfe.co.uk/

	a cross-border EU exchange programme, which gives new or aspiring entrepreneurs the chance to learn from experienced entrepreneurs running small businesses in other European Union countries	
M2L Digital Marketing	M2L Digital Marketing Programme is designed to help SME marketers make more of their marketing spend	www.mmucfe.co.uk/
MedTECH Centre Incubator	A joint venture between NHS and Manchester Science Parks for fostering small healthcare ventures	www.medtechcentre.co.uk/
Mad Lab	Digital innovation org based in the Northern Quarter are currently accepting applications for their arts and tech accelerator. Successful applicants will receive bespoke creative & business development, mentoring, financial support and access to workshops. Part funded by Innovate UK.	http://accelerator.madlab.org.uk/
Spaceportx	Co-working Incubation space.	http://spaceportx.com/