**Rural Leaders Unlocking Regional Opportunities: Angus**

**Application Form**

Thank you for your interest in the new Rural Leaders Unlocking Regional Opportunities pilot in Angus. The **Rural Leaders: Unlocking Regional Opportunities** programme is a pioneering pilot initiative, designed to be trialed in the Angus region over a 6-month period. This 6-month journey will focus on helping Rural Leaders to unlock new growth opportunities, foster innovation, and prepare for future investment.

Programme Outline:

**Phase 1 – Practical Innovation**

* **Tuesday 29th October 2024**
* **Wednesday 30th October 2024**
* **Thursday 14th November 2024**

Venue – Arbikie Distillery Lunan Bay, Arbroath.

Using Design-Led Innovation process tools and practice to help participants identify and develop tangible and pragmatic innovation opportunities within their own business.

**Phase 2 – Collaborative Innovation**

Creating cultures of collaborative innovation to transform key challenges across the cohort into opportunities for innovation.

* **Tuesday 10th December 2024**
* **Tuesday 14th January 2025 (0.5-day only - check-in session)**
* **Tuesday 4th February 2024**

Venue – (TBC) Michelin Scotland Innovation Parc, Dundee.

**Note – This phase will also be supplemented utilising action learning sets (ALS). An action learning set is a small group of people who meet regularly to address collective challenges and work on opportunities collaboratively. The goal is to come up with realistic actions to solve or understand the challenges and opportunities at hand. Elevator’s team will facilitate the setting up and support of these, however the cohort ALS’s will also work independently during this phase to progress their collective innovation opportunities.**

**Phase 3 – Investment Readiness**

Demystifying the private and public investment landscape and how to leverage it in practical ways to help secure capital investment. Driving forward the innovation driven investment opportunities arising from Phase 1 & 2

* **Tuesday 18th February 2025**
* **Tuesday 25th February 2025**
* **Tuesday 4th March 2025 (0.5-day only - “dress rehearsal” opportunity)**
* **Tuesday 11th March 2025**

Venues – (TBC)

James Hutton Institute for 4th March session and will include a tour of Intelligent Growth Solutions (IGS) vertical farm.

**Programme Retrospective on-line 1. 5 hours**

**Tuesday 25th March 2025**

Propose to hold as a provisional date to re-convene cohort, reflect on 6 months together, capture key stories, and to roadmap potential next steps beyond this pilot programme.

**This pilot programme is fully funded by Scottish Enterprise and is a significant move by the team to ensure continued investment into our rural leaders and economy. With an increasing emphasis on innovation, growth, green energy, productivity and internationalisation, this programme is designed to scale up businesses in Angus, increase investment confidence and contribute to rural growth opportunities.**

You may find these links to Scottish Enterprise useful: [Our ambition | Scottish Enterprise (scottish-enterprise.com)](https://www.scottish-enterprise.com/our-organisation/what-we-do/our-ambition)

**Note:** **closing date for applications** –**Monday 14 October at 12 noon.** If you have any questions regarding this application form please contact

Karen Clark : [karenc@elevatoruk.com](mailto:karenc@elevatoruk.com) and please submit the completed form to Karen.

**Note: GDPR –**should you be successful in gaining a place, the signing and submission of this application will be taken as consent for your personal information to be stored by Scottish Enterprise. Please read our Privacy Notice for more details on how Scottish Enterprise may use and share your data:

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<https://www.scottish-enterprise.com/help/privacy-notice/your-rights>

**Elevator**, the programme facilitators, will store personal information of successful applicants for the length of the pilot programme which terminates on 25 March 2025.

Elevator’s privacy notice can be viewed via this link:

<https://www.elevatoruk.com/privacy-policy/>

The privacy ofyour data is important to us. Please note, by submitting the application, should you be successful in gaining a place on the Angus pilot, you are agreeing to:

* Your data being securely stored by Scottish Enterprise. Your data will also be shared with one third party organisation, Elevator, to be used exclusively for communications and delivery of the 2024-25 pilot and associated project activity.
* Be profiled across Scottish Enterprise social media platforms.
* Scottish Enterprise and lead partner using the photo and short biography you provide across their social media platforms.
* Share your contact details with other members of your class.
* Become part of the Angus Rural Leaders Community Lab community.
* Fill out the evaluation survey at the end of your programme within the required timescales.

You can opt out of this at any time by contacting the Project Manager, Julia Latto at [Julia.latto@scotent.co.uk](mailto:Julia.latto@scotent.co.uk)

Should you be unsuccessful in gaining a place, Scottish Enterprise will retain your details on the expressions of interest database for one year, providing you with an option of unsubscribing from the list the next time we contact you by email.

CONTACT DETAILS

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| Name: |  | |
| Job Title: |  | |
| Full company address including postcode: |  | |
| Contact details: | Tel:  Mob:  Email: |  |
| Home address including postcode *(if different from the above)* |  | |

**YOU**

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| **Tell us about you, your area of expertise, what has brought you to this point in your life being a rural leader in Angus** |
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**THE BUSINESS**

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| **What is your business all about, what role do you play?** |
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| **What are your ambitions for the business?** |
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| **Tell us about the opportunities you can see for your business, especially green energy transition, innovation, productivity and internationalisation.** |
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| Regarding future growth, what is your business appetite for capital investment? |
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**THE WIDER RURAL COMMUNITY**

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| **Besides any business opportunities, do you have any ideas for collaborative opportunities that might help the rural economy in Angus or rural community more generally?** |
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**ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION**

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| **Please use this section to highlight any areas which you feel are relevant to your application which are not covered above. Also use this area to share any interest / experience you have which may be relevant during the programme.** |
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| Do you have any access requirements or additional learning support (ALS) needs you would like us to be aware of? |
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| **Attendance declaration:** | I can confirm I can attend all sessions  Or known dates where I’m not available: |

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| **Signature:** |  |
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