



Bethnal Green Ventures is a leading early-stage 'tech for good' investor and accelerator. Our mission is to build a global community of great tech startups & founders which provide huge positive social impact and financial returns.

Since 2012 we've backed over 80 startups with a social purpose through our accelerator programme, including [Fairphone](#), [DrDoctor](#), [Open Utility](#), [TalkLife](#), [Run an Empire](#) and many more.

Why?

We think there's huge potential for the online world to radically improve things that really matter in the offline world: from how we provide health and social care to designing new forms of education, energy creation and employment. These ideas don't come from traditional companies, governments or charities. They start with smart, passionate, practical people.

How?

Bethnal Green Ventures seeks out people with great ideas: they might be software developers, designers or people with personal experience of something they want to change – from teachers and doctors, to patients and carers. We look for early-stage ideas – not business plans – and we're more interested in potential than experience.

We select teams of between two and four people to be part of the BGV programme. They might be tackling problems in the areas of health, education, sustainability, work and democracy and society. That could be anything from fixing healthcare to reducing carbon emissions or improving education to reducing crime – the key is that the solution must have the potential to help millions of people somewhere along the line

Our accelerator offers £20,000 investment in each team in exchange for 6% equity, co-working space and an intensive 12 week programme of mentoring and support. After the accelerator alumni teams receive ongoing support from BGV and access to up to £50k in further funding.

Our aim is to not only launch a set of new ventures, but to build a strong tech for good community that will go on to create and run even more social startups in the future.

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