

Social entrepreneurs graduate from Bank of Scotland programme

Fifteen students who have studied at the School for Social Entrepreneurs Scotland graduated on Tuesday evening in a ceremony held at The Mound.



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The cohort of graduates were supported by the year-long programme. This has helped them work out how to start and grow a social business solving some pressing social issues.

The comprehensive learning programme offers financial support as well as a Lloyds Banking Group business mentor and is part of the bank's Helping Britain Prosper Plan 2017.

Paula Rogers, head of Social Enterprise at Lloyds Banking Group said, "We are thrilled to see another group of students graduate from the Bank of Scotland Social Entrepreneurs Programme, in partnership with School for Social Entrepreneurs, for the fifth year running. The programme is making a real difference to these entrepreneurs, by supporting them and their business which increases their social impact. Supporting entrepreneurs to address social problems in their community first-hand, is another example of how Lloyds Banking Group is delivering on its commitment to help Britain prosper".

Tracey Muirhead of SSE Scotland said, "Our students have made significant progress over the course of this year and it has been so inspiring to see their ideas flourish into social enterprises tackling prevalent issues within communities. With the support of the Bank of Scotland Social Entrepreneurs

Programme, in partnership with School for Social Entrepreneurs, I can't wait to see them continue to develop their businesses and positive impact in our society".