

# Geovation Scotland – first start ups now in situ

## Geovation Scotland welcomes first start-ups.

Registers of Scotland (RoS) and Ordnance Survey (OS) announced today that the first businesses joining the Geovation Scotland Accelerator Programme are now in place.

This is a funded initiative which provides start-ups with support, mentorship and access to high quality data and office space.

The inaugural programme, which runs for a year, will be based at the RoS headquarters, Meadowbank House.

The first Geovation Scotland cohort supported by RoS and OS consists of the following :

Folarity – Founder Martin Warne is looking at tools that will help forest managers plan and monitor their woodlands quickly and more effectively

AboveBoard – Founders Sarah Morrison and Jamie Henderson are looking to solve the many issues that arise from the Scottish factoring market, providing digital tools to those in new developments, tenements and flats

Walks and Waterfalls – Founder Oscar Van Heek is using Scotland's unique waterfalls and wild swimming areas through the creation of a treasure hunt app

The start-ups join the programme after a highly competitive selection process which attracted applicants from across Scotland.

Jennifer Henderson, Keeper of the Registers of Scotland, said: "We are delighted to welcome the first group of ambitious entrepreneurs into the Geovation Scotland Accelerator Programme. This initiative will provide an environment for fostering innovation and creativity. It represents our ongoing commitment to finding new uses for RoS data that can benefit the people of Scotland and the Scottish economy."

Minister for Digital Economy Kate Forbes said: "This marks another milestone for the Geovation Scotland Accelerator programme which is helping Scotland's tech entrepreneurs reach their full potential. The quality and passion of the companies taking part is a testament to Scotland as a centre of innovation and leadership in technology and I look forward to seeing their projects flourish over the weeks and months ahead."

Geovation accelerators have been running in London since 2015, creating more than 200 new jobs and raising £23.3 million in investment funding.



(From left) Sarah Morrison and Jamie Henderson, Oscar Van Heek

and Martin Warne are the first entrepreneurs joining the Geovation Scotland Accelerator Programme