

Homes for business

Edinburgh Park

In 1995 Edinburgh Park welcomed its first occupier and is now Scotland's largest business park and the fourth largest economic area outside Edinburgh, Aberdeen and Glasgow. It accommodates 7,500 employees in over 110,000sq m of office space spread across 21 organisations.

Edinburgh Park has a unique location of landscaped grounds and green space. Its facilities include The Edge Health and Fitness Club, The Ritz Bar Grill, Cafe2U and construction of a Novotel hotel is underway on the site.

The business park, only 15 minutes from the city centre has its own dedicated railway station and the longest guided busway in the UK – the Fastlink. A car-share scheme is in operation and the park is located next to the M8 motorway and city bypass. The proposed tram link in Edinburgh will link the park to the city centre and the park's development programme spans a further 10 to 15 years.

Edinburgh Park railway station currently sees around 1,500 passenger journeys per day and is served by trains from Bathgate and Dunblane, providing four trains an hour to Haymarket and Waverley and two to Brunstane and Newcraighall.

The station is well served by a cross-city bus service and complementary shuttle buses to the business park. It also benefits from the hourly Stagecoach X40 service that links the station with the Park & Ride facility at Ferrytoll, as well as Sighthill, Riccarton and Corstorphine, and is conveniently located for the Gyle Shopping Centre.

Occupants of Edinburgh Park include; Aegon, BT Scotland, Convergys EMEA Ltd, Diageo, Fujitsu Services, HSBC Bank, JP Morgan and The Miller Group.

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North Edinburgh Business Incubator (NEBI)

NEBI aims to provide a permanent and visible local access point for business advice and guidance through one-to-one and group based activities which will:

- Encourage entrepreneurial activity and improve business start-up within the North Edinburgh Social Inclusion Partnership area
- Up-skill the local business community to take advantage of new opportunities
- Provide access to mainstream business support services.

SERVICES

All services are free and confidential.

NEBI offers a wide range of services to start-up, young, growing and established businesses.

Start-up

- One-to-one advice and guidance at a pace to suit the client covering all aspects of setting up and running a business
- Training/workshops delivered to small targeted groups

- Access to other specialists who can help you set up, run and potentially grow your business.

Young, established, and growing businesses can expect:

- Dedicated business management advice
- Site visits to carry out Business Healthchecks and develop business growth action plans
- Access to a wide range of specialist business advisers.

North Edinburgh Business Incubator has:

- assisted 156 new businesses to start
- assisted 180 existing businesses with development.
- provided 1,288 training places

NEBI is funded by ESF, SIP, and private partners.

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Case Study

Denise's Cleaning Services



Denise had been working in cleaning for over 10 years but was keen to set up herself so she could have more control over the hours she was working, and the amount she would earn. NEBI advisers helped Denise to develop a business plan that included a full list of potential customers that she could contact to secure work, and to research other cleaners so she was competitive in service and price. NEBI helped her work out financial projections to show exactly how much she needed to make and to ensure she complied with all legal and insurance requirements. Denise has secured a number of local contracts and the business has grown to a level where she has taken on staff.