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**E-xpress:
Enterprise Growth Fund**

Dear David

Welcome to the September E-xpress - keeping you up to date with the latest developments in Adult Education across Scotland.

The **Enterprise Growth Fund** was recently set up by the Scottish Government and is managed and administered by the Wise Group, with consortium partners CEIS, DSL and the Social Value Lab. The Fund will work together with **Just Enterprise** business support and learning services, and future Third Sector support the government is putting in place, to strengthen the Third Sector in Scotland – making it more sustainable, capable and enterprising.

The Fund will be awarding grants between **£25,000 and £200,000** to third sector organisations in Scotland. The grants will support long term development objectives. Awards will be made to those organisations that demonstrate the **greatest potential for growth and sustainability**. The fund will invest in organisational services and structures.

The Initial Enquiry system is now available online through the [Wise Group website](#). At this stage you will be able to prepare your responses on the online form and save your progress as you go along. The system will be available to receive completed online **Initial Enquiry submissions from 1200 (noon) Friday 9th September 2011**.

Please note that a **deadline** for submission of online Initial Enquiry forms has been set for **5pm on Monday 19th September 2011**.

You can find further information on the Fund on the Wise Group website:

- [Fund objectives](#)
- [Management of the fund](#)
- [Activities the fund supports](#)
- [Who can apply](#)
- [Initial Enquiry](#)
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Should you have any queries regarding the above dates please contact the team at enterprisegrowthfund@thewisegroup.co.uk

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