



**Derry &
Strabane**
Rural Partnership

**Northern Ireland
Rural Development
Programme 2014-2020**

**Rural Business Investment
Scheme (Call 5)**

Derry and Strabane Rural Partnership is responsible for delivering LEADER funding throughout the Derry City and Strabane District Council area under the 2014 – 2020 NI Rural Development Programme.

The Rural Business Investment Scheme is opening for its **fifth call**. New or existing rurally based micro/ small businesses and social economy enterprises involved in non-agricultural /non agri-food related activities may be eligible to apply. Job creation and export potential are key objectives of this scheme which will primarily fund capital investments. Marketing funding is also available. Projects must be investment ready before applying.

The Partnership is keen to encourage applications from areas that have submitted low numbers to date, in particular, from the Sperrin District Electoral Area.

To be eligible to make an application, all businesses **MUST ATTEND** one of the following mandatory pre application workshops **AND** complete an Expression of Interest form at the workshop. Previous applicants should re-attend one of these workshops.

Date / Time	Venue
Thursday 6th September 2018 at 7.00pm	The Belfray Country Inn
Friday 7th September 2018 at 10:30am	Strabane Enterprise Agency
Monday 10th September 2018 at 2:30pm	Derg Valley Leisure Centre, Castledearg
Tuesday 11th September 2018 at 7:00pm	St Columb's Park House, Derry

PLEASE NOTE: Individual(s) attending the workshop must be either the business owner or a director.

To book a place at one of the workshops and receive a copy of the Expression of Interest form please email rural.development@derrystrabane.com or phone Derry City and Strabane District Council on 02871 253253 x 6917. Further information also available at www.derrystrabane.com/rural

Attendance at a workshop or submission of an Expression of Interest does not constitute an offer of funding. The application process will be competitive and not every application will be funded.



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