



IMPACT REPORT

2024 - 2025



**To all the Impact Makers who show us
that a better future is not only
possible but already in progress.**

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This year we celebrate 20 years of the Impact Hub Network: from one community in 2005 to a global movement of 120+ locations and 500,000 Impact Makers today.

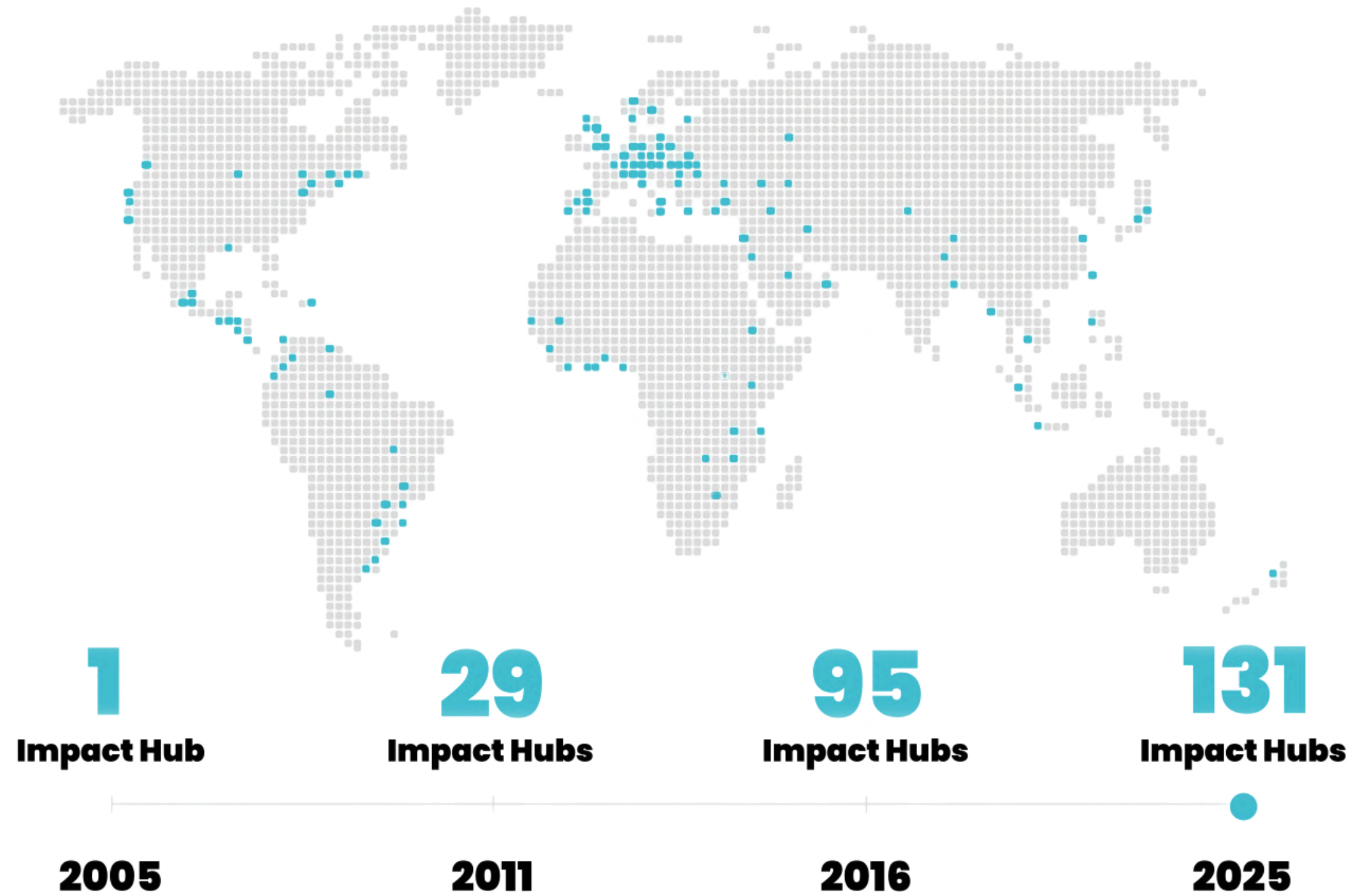
Our anniversary comes at a crucial moment. From climate breakdown to deepening inequalities, global challenges are intensifying and the need for innovation has never been greater.

Impact entrepreneurship offers pathways forward- creating solutions where others see barriers. By working with companies on ESG, with public institutions on social innovation, and with entrepreneurs on locally rooted solutions, we demonstrate how co-creation delivers lasting change.

This report looks back on 2024–2025: our global, local, and translocal programmes, our collective impact, and the steps we are taking toward regenerative futures. It is a record of progress, and an invitation to join us in shaping what comes next.



500k+ Impact Makers worldwide



Collaboration paths for impact

Our paths to impact show how we respond to a world of rising challenges with concrete change. They highlight where we focus our energy: working with companies, public institutions, entrepreneurs, and our global Network.

Each path is proof that collaboration is the only way to move forward- embedding innovation into the way we work and govern. In the following pages, you'll find how these routes come to life, driving impact locally, globally, and across our communities.



Our collaboration paths

Companies | Public sector | Entrepreneurs | Network

Companies

Supporting businesses to become leaders of sustainable growth

Empowering companies to turn global challenges into business value through impact-focused innovation.

Companies today face rising pressure to meet ESG, equity, and resilience goals while staying competitive. Impact Hub partners with corporations to turn these challenges into growth opportunities. Through open innovation, sustainable procurement, and value chain transformation, we help businesses build resilience, compliance, and long-term value.

By empowering local communities, we also connect corporate purpose with authentic social impact. The result: measurable outcomes for people, planet, and business performance.



Bayer Foundation Women Entrepreneurs Award 2024

The Bayer Foundation Women Entrepreneurs Award is a celebration of women entrepreneurs leading innovative change in their cities. This initiative provides resource, knowledge, and network support to women entrepreneurs in scaling their ventures in health and food security.



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3.68M

people reached with improved healthcare.

1.1k

tonnes of organic material diverted from waste streams.

Tencent: CarbonX Programme 2.0

CarbonX Program 2.0 initiated by Tencent and its global partners supports emerging low-carbon technologies to build first-of-its-kind pilot projects in real industrial settings, incubate high-potential startups, and support capacity-building projects.



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\$10M+

catalytic funding to scale
carbon innovation
solutions across the globe

600+

quality applicants
from over 50 countries

Women-led innovation

In 2024, Bayer Foundation Women Entrepreneurs Award winners delivered healthcare to 3.68M people, supported 69,000 farmers, and boosted rural incomes by \$3.93M. **Now, meet the 2025 innovators.**

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Bank of America: Driving circular innovation

The RE-Procure Lab, supported by Bank of America, accelerates circular economy solutions across Asia. In partnership with the Impact Hub Network, it connects entrepreneurs and corporates, brokers collaborations, and develops sustainable procurement models — reducing waste, strengthening supply chains, and proving how co-creation delivers systemic impact for a regenerative economy.

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Public sector

Put social innovation at the heart of public action

Equip public institutions to solve complex challenges collaboratively

The Public Sector is facing interconnected crises that demand a collaborative multistakeholder approach. Impact Hub works with public institutions at various levels – local, regional, national and multilateral – to help formulate policies, build institutional capacity, and pilot impact-driven solutions.

Through ecosystem building, open innovation, and real-world validation, we turn public ambition into systemic change, ensuring institutions can lead with inclusivity and resilience.



Roots of Circularity Nepal

Roots of Circularity Nepal is a four-year initiative to ignite a systemic shift in Nepali citizens, enterprises, and policies toward the adoption and integration of circular economy principles. The programme is being implemented across Bagmati and Lumbini Provinces, working with local stakeholders to catalyse change across education, enterprise, civil society, and government.



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900+

people engaged at
Nepal's first
Circularity Conclave.

400+

green jobs supported
during the programme.

SoTecn Factory

Funded by Horizon Europe, SoTecn Factory is a collaborative consortium working to enhance the sustainability and resilience of European industrial value chains of food, water & nutrients, textiles, plastics, and packaging. By supporting mission-oriented social innovators and connecting them with technology providers and industrial companies, SoTecn Factory accelerates the transition toward more sustainable practices across these sectors.



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€3.3M

funds granted to 50
social ventures.

€7.5M

raised by participating
ventures during the
project period.

Driving circular innovation in industrial value chains

Discover how SoTechIn Factory is supporting 30 breakthrough solutions in low-carbon food, water & nutrients, textiles, plastics, & packaging value chains.

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SUBLIME Toolkit: Empowering Youth for Climate & Gender Justice

Imagine a generation of leaders rising with courage, compassion, and conviction. This free, EU-funded guide helps young Impact Makers and mentors unlock the inner strength, values, and vision to lead community-based climate initiatives.

Created by Impact Hub Network & Impact Hub Athens to inspire young leaders everywhere.

[Access the toolkit here](#)



Entrepreneurs

Make place-based Impact Makers lead urgent global change

Equip local changemakers to turn context-driven ideas into impact

Entrepreneurs everywhere hold solutions to the world's toughest challenges, yet many lack the tools, networks, and capital to scale. Impact Hub builds thriving local ecosystems through co-working spaces, startup programmes, and investment readiness support.

By combining local context with global connections, we enable place-based entrepreneurs to grow ventures that address urgent issues, from climate resilience to inclusive economies.



AXES Programme

AXES enables agrifood enterprises in rural Colombia and Costa Rica to expand their market reach and improve sustainable practices in their supply chains – driving economic growth and resilient agricultural ecosystems.



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30+

agrifood SMEs supported in Colombia and Costa Rica.

+50%

participants adopting sustainable practices or certifications.

adidas Community Lab

adidas Community Lab supports Black and Latino/a/e social entrepreneurs to make sports more inclusive and accessible in the US and Canada. Through funding, mentorship, and community collaboration, we're developing inclusive solutions that foster well-being and create lasting impact in underserved communities.



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\$3.93M

revenue circulated
through communities.

100+

hours of expert
support delivered.

Making sports more inclusive and accessible

Since 2022, Impact Hub Network has partnered with adidas Community Lab to demonstrate how brands can drive systemic economic and social change by investing in inclusive entrepreneurship.

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The future of co-working and entrepreneurship

The Impact Hub Network is redefining coworking as place-based innovation, transforming shared spaces into ecosystems of belonging where purpose-driven communities come together to tackle the greatest challenges of our time.

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Our Network

Harness collaboration into just and sustainable futures

Leverage global networks to act locally and transform systems globally

Global problems require solutions rooted in local realities. Impact Hub's 120+ Hubs in 65+ countries operate through a unique governance model that balances local autonomy with global coordination.

Through translocal programmes, shared platforms, and equitable decision-making, we turn network collaboration into a driver of just and sustainable futures- scaling what works, faster and more inclusively than ever before.



Make Impact Happen.



The EU Cluster: collaboration as a competitive advantage

Amidst political turbulence across the EU, the Impact Hub Network’s EU Cluster stands as a beacon of collaboration, proving that a coordinated Network can be both a driver of social innovation and a lifeline for mission-driven organisations.

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Expanding impact: the multi-hub model in Armenia

Beyond the capital, Impact Hub Armenia’s multi-hub model decentralises opportunity and connects diverse regional communities, demonstrating how a network can adapt a global vision to create profound local impact.

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Issue-based Ecosystem Building Methodology

We bring together diverse stakeholders to build ecosystems that drive coordinated action and lasting systems change through our unique approach and own methodology.

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BEAM: Collaboration across regions

Our unique translocal programme delivery is only possible through the power of our global Impact Hub Network. We uniquely connect local action with global collaboration. The BEAM programme is one example: uniting three Hubs across Asia-Pacific to unlock entrepreneurship for women and entrepreneurs with disabilities, paving the way for a more inclusive future.

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Scaling ideas that matter

From climate action to social justice, today's challenges demand innovation and collective action.

Across 68 countries, we connect entrepreneurs with corporate and public partners to build ecosystems where solutions grow and scale. Together, we unlock investment, generate employment, and prove how local ideas drive global change.



€300M

investment raised by our impact enterprises

15,554

Impact enterprises supported in 2025

300

Powerful impact partnerships delivered

11,186

new jobs created per year for an inclusive economy



55%

of our entrepreneurs double-digit growth



54%

Women founders leading the companies of tomorrow

Corporate Sustainable Innovation Trends

A new wave of sustainable business innovation is here. Discover how leaders like IKEA, adidas, Bayer Foundation, and Tencent are using impact partnerships to fuel growth, unlock new markets, and build resilient supply chains.

What's inside?

- ✓ Five key trends driving the shift from CSR to strategy
- ✓ Real-world examples from early movers
- ✓ Replicable strategies your team can apply today
- ✓ A quick checklist to assess your partnership readiness

[Download free trends report](#)



Start an Impact Hub

Join 500K Impact Makers driving positive change

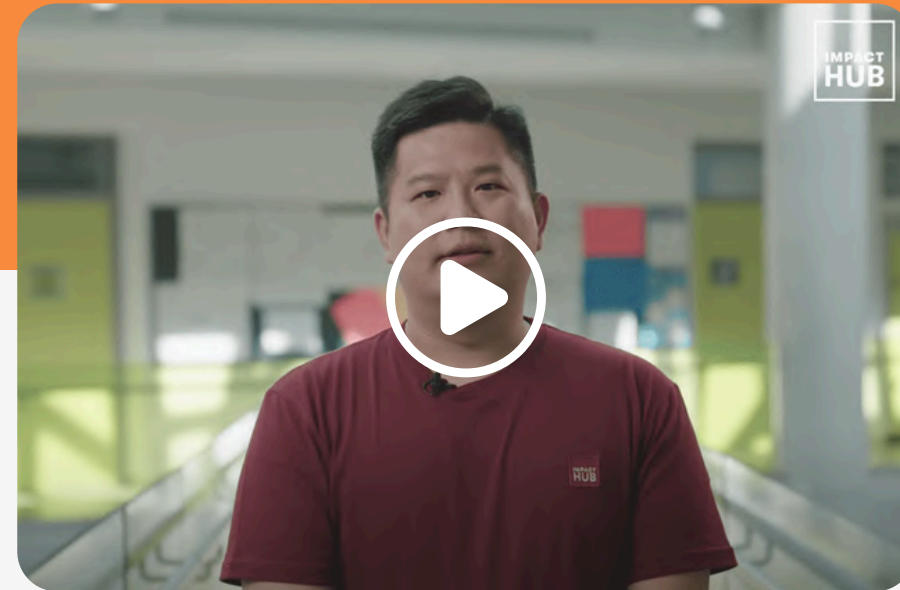
Impact Hubs are place-based innovation spaces for Impact Makers to cultivate ideas that drive systemic change. We foster meaningful collaboration between key players in corporate and institutional sectors, support impact enterprises, and build the necessary capabilities to promote sustainable development.

Starting an Impact Hub means joining a community of visionary people committed to extraordinary change. It is a commitment to build ecosystems of impact that are locally rooted, globally connected, and dedicated to shaping a just and sustainable future.

Start an Impact Hub in your city!



Meet our co-founders



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Stories of impact on the ground

Across the Impact Hub Network, impact is unfolding in countless ways: entrepreneurs are pioneering new paths, communities are building resilience, and Impact Hubs are sparking systemic change.

Together, these stories capture how local action, rooted in collaboration and innovation, is shaping a future where business serves both people and planet.





São Paulo

Hosted by Impact Hub São Paulo, Impacta Mais is Brazil's largest forum for advancing the impact economy.

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Lagos

Impact Hub Lagos is driving disability inclusion and dignified work in Nigeria.

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Leipzig

Impact Hub Leipzig is a marketplace for impact and a catalyst for scalable solutions.

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Kathmandu

Impact Hub Kathmandu is redefining inclusive entrepreneurship in Nepal.

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Local impact for global change

The UN Sustainable Development Goals guide our work and connect action on the ground to global priorities.

With 131 Impact Hubs worldwide, we advance the goals in ways that reflect local realities and needs. Together, we're turning ambition into measurable progress for people and planet. Below you'll find the top three SDGs advanced in each region.



Globally

- SDG8:**
Decent work
- SDG5:**
Gender equality
- SDG10:**
Reduced inequalities



Europe

- SDG8:**
Decent work
- SDG10:**
Reduced inequalities
- SDG5:**
Gender equality



Africa & Middle East

- SDG8:**
Decent work
- SDG4:**
Education
- SDG11:**
Sustainable cities



Asia Pacific

- SDG9:**
Industry & innovation
- SDG3:**
Health & well-being
- SDG5:**
Gender equality



Latin America

- SDG8:**
Decent work
- SDG5:**
Gender equality
- SDG17:**
Partnerships



North America

- SDG4:**
Education
- SDG10:**
Reduced inequalities
- SDG17:**
Partnerships

Resources to amplify impact

Our global network is a living source of tools and knowledge to equip social innovators, entrepreneurs, and ecosystem enablers with practical guidance, research insights, and proven methodologies.

Co-developed with leading universities, corporate partners, public institutions, and practitioners worldwide, this collection provides actionable frameworks and inspiring examples that strengthen the capacity of Impact Makers to drive meaningful change.



Resources to amplify impact



**CRAFT Project:
Toolbox for social
innovators**

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**Embedding
Circularity Toolkit**

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**More than words: a
guide on inclusive
communication**

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Resources to amplify impact



Navigating impact measurement & management

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Power in community: women entrepreneurs driving social innovation

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Green at Heart: Supporting SMEs in the Green Transition

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Get to know our Network

To be an Impact Maker is to live our values of trust, collaboration, and courage. Across our network, these shared principles drive action and shape the future we want to see. Here's what we are about.

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Ready to partner for impact?

Become an Impact Maker

Gain access to valuable resources, collaborative spaces, and a supportive network passionate about making a difference.

[Join today](#)

Start an Impact Hub

Start an Impact Hub and be part of a global network committed to driving positive social and environmental impact in your community.

[Discover how](#)

Partner for impact

Combine strengths, expertise, and resources to drive meaningful change and create a lasting positive impact on society and the planet.

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Community partnerships

Leverage resources, networks, and expertise to foster social innovation and create sustainable solutions for your local ecosystem.

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**Thank you to all the Impact
Makers who have made this
journey possible.**

Let's keep going. The time is now. The way together!