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ONE REGION, MANY WORLDS



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GROWTH COMPANY
Invest in the West Midlands

GLOBAL GROWTH PROGRAMME

Accelerated UK market entry support
for science and technology businesses





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LAUNCH IN THE UK

A GLOBAL HUB FOR TECH INNOVATION

Home to the world's third largest tech sector, a globally renowned legal system and with a reputation for world-class R&D, the UK's proven track record of driving business growth and success is highly attractive for innovative international companies.

Combined with our highly accessible language, state-of-the-art digital infrastructure and unrivalled accessibility, pioneering international firms have everything they need to successfully launch and scale in a thriving UK market of almost 70 million people.

Add to that our internationally recognised education system, which includes four of the world's top ten universities, and it's clear how the UK can help you realise your business ambitions.



LARGEST AIR TRANSPORT SYSTEM IN EUROPE, PROVIDING EASY ACCESS TO INTERNATIONAL MARKETS WORLDWIDE.



NO.1 LOCATION IN EUROPE FOR UNICORN COMPANIES.



25% CORPORATION TAX - ONE OF THE LOWEST IN THE G20.

SCALE IN THE WEST MIDLANDS

INNOVATION IS IN OUR DNA

The West Midlands is the UK's leading region for Foreign Direct Investment outside of the capital, receiving more FDI projects than anywhere outside of London since the start of 2021-22. We're working at pace to deliver on the UK Government's 'Science & Technology Superpower' ambitions.

Our region has the perfect combination of world-class research assets, specialist talent, committed public sector support and unique technological capabilities, making it the ideal destination for groundbreaking companies to thrive. Located at the heart of the UK, we're a three-city region comprising Coventry, Wolverhampton and Birmingham, the UK's second city. With a growing population of 4.7 million and one of the UK's youngest, most diverse talent pools, the region is converting these strengths into investment, creating 31,859 jobs through FDI since 2021-22, more than any UK region excluding London.

Life would look very different without West Midlands' innovations. The pacemaker, the world's leading brain cancer drug and the world's first ibuprofen patch were all developed here. Famed pioneers James Watt, Matthew Boulton, William Shakespeare, James Starley, John Cadbury, and J.R.R. Tolkien all hail from the region.



£108BN FULL-SERVICE ECONOMY



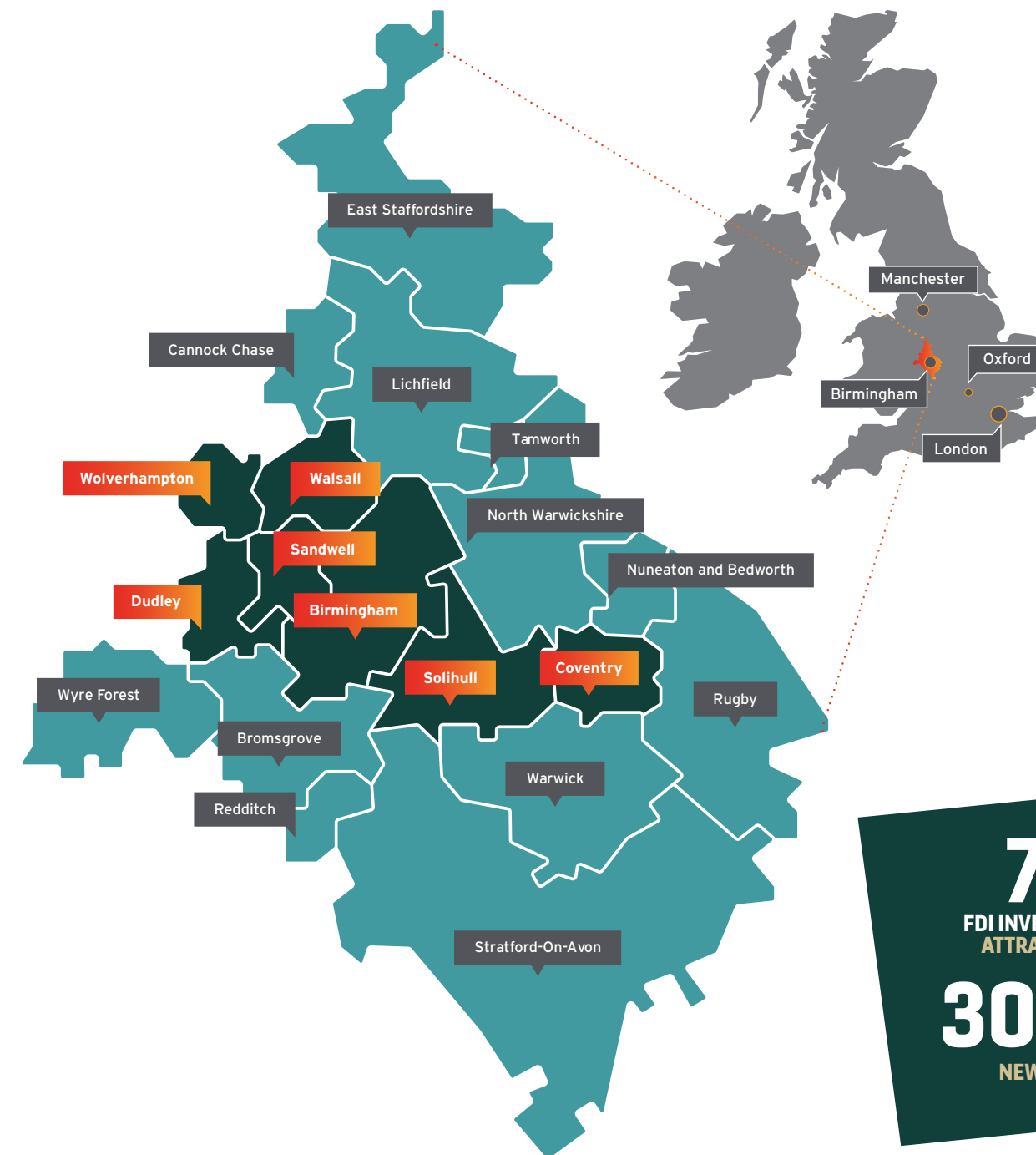
THE UK'S MOST ACCESSIBLE AIRPORT BY RAIL AND ROAD, WITH LINKS TO 400 GLOBAL DESTINATIONS



HS2 WILL CONNECT LONDON TO THE WEST MIDLANDS IN JUST 38 MINUTES



90% OF THE UK LIES WITHIN A FOUR-HOUR DRIVE-TIME, INCLUDING BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, OXFORD, LEEDS AND MANCHESTER



WORK WITH THE WEST MIDLANDS GROWTH COMPANY

The West Midlands Growth Company (WMGC) is the official Investment Promotion Agency for the West Midlands region.

Our specialist teams act as strategic partners and consultants to investing companies, ensuring they receive comprehensive support across their entire business plan to make their relocation, expansion and growth here successful.

We've helped start-ups, high-growth SMEs and global corporations, such as HSBC UK and Goldman Sachs, to set up operations in the region and maximise growth opportunities.

700+
FDI INVESTMENT PROJECTS
ATTRACTED SINCE 2020
30,000+
NEW JOBS CREATED



THE GLOBAL GROWTH PROGRAMME

THE ULTIMATE UK MARKET ENTRY SUPPORT

The Global Growth Programme is a unique, fully funded UK market entry offering, designed to help international companies invest, establish and scale rapidly. Spanning multiple industries, the Global Growth Programme provides a bespoke, nine-month package of support to ambitious companies at all stages of the development cycle.

We want to work with companies that share our vision to build world-class UK capabilities in CleanTech, Creative & Digital Technologies, Future Mobility and HealthTech: whether you're reinventing the energy grid, launching a new medical device or revolutionising the future of cybersecurity.

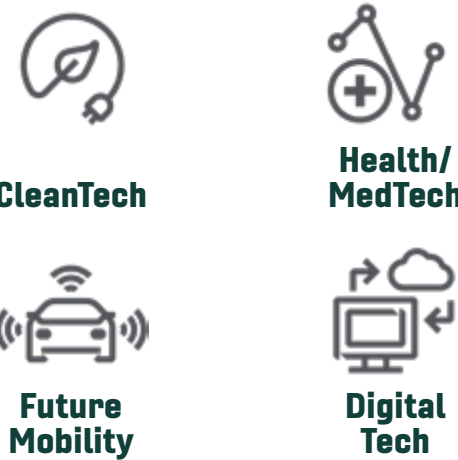
ACCELERATE YOUR GROWTH WITH BESPOKE BUSINESS SUPPORT

The Global Growth Programme provides three layers of comprehensive value for innovative companies that includes bespoke business support to assist international expansion, access to sector specific innovation programmes, and nine months of sponsored workspace for up to three employees in one of six world-class innovation hubs across the region.

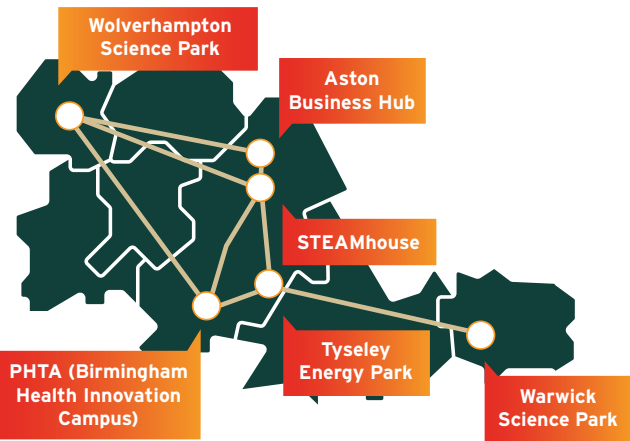
Through a dedicated account manager, you will receive support with establishing your UK operations and facilitated introductions to world-class R&D institutions, industry supply chains and talent providers.

Everything you need to pioneer innovative new products and supercharge your growth.

FOUR TECH SECTORS



ACCESS THE WHOLE REGION SIX LANDING HUBS



THE GLOBAL GROWTH PROGRAMME IS DELIVERED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:

- Aston Business Hub:** direct access to Aston University's industry expertise and specialist R&D capability to help scale-ups turn opportunity into action through its AI Growth Engine.
- University of Warwick Science Park:** one of Europe's leading science parks for over 40 years, providing development space for progressive technology companies.
- Precision Health Technologies Accelerator (PHTA):** gives life sciences and health tech firms access to specialist facilities designed to support early-stage innovation through to clinical translation.
- Birmingham City University's STEAMhouse:** a successful innovation centre that connects with entrepreneurs to accelerate business growth and help with problem solving.
- University of Wolverhampton Science Park:** a collaborative technology community supporting the growth of innovation based businesses.
- Tyseley Energy Park:** a collaborative technology community supporting the growth of innovation based businesses.

YOUR SPRINGBOARD TO INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS

The Global Growth Programme provides comprehensive support enabling companies to swiftly launch and scale UK operations.

HIGH GROWTH BUSINESSES

Our programme offers expert support in setting up and testing your proposition and business model. We'll help with securing support towards valuable funding and finance. Take advantage of high spec hot-desking and co-working spaces, benefit from tailored business advice, access a network of unique research data and impressive facilities and get support with taking the necessary steps to protect your Intellectual Property.

Receive specialist assistance setting up your UK subsidiary and implementing your market entry plan, along with access to collaboration opportunities with an unrivalled network of innovation partners. We'll help you validate your 'go to market' approach for the United Kingdom and Europe, as well as build local business contacts, enabling you to develop a high-quality commercial pipeline. You'll also benefit from strategic relationships with businesses and institutions that can offer access to skills, talent, innovative research and investment. All vital to driving business success.

CORPORATE INNOVATION

De-risk and develop your innovation strategy using our programme to advance and test new products and services, launch new ventures and spin outs, and set up new commercial collaborations.

The Global Growth Programme connects your business directly into local entrepreneurial networks and leading research institutions that can support transformation in your business.

We'll also connect you to sources of graduate and postgraduate talent as well as help to relocate your employees to the region.

BESPOKE SUPPORT DESIGNED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF YOUR BUSINESS

Every business is different, with its own unique set of challenges and requirements. The Global Growth Programme's suite of support is designed to meet a range of needs specific to your business size or sector.

Relocation	Setting up a UK entity/subsidiary	Providing specialist legal and tax advice to set up your UK company entity
	Setting up a new Global HQ in the UK	Providing specialist legal and tax advice to move your existing head-quarters to the UK
	Team orientation	Support with relocation and adapting to living and working in the UK
	Community Support	Being part of a peer group community of other international tech businesses
Commercial Launch	Guidance in shaping the proposition & business model	Helping you define how you will commercialise your technology
	Market testing and entry	Helping you to validate the market for your products and services in the UK
	Commercial traction	Commercial introductions into UK-West Midlands business networks
	Corporate collaborations	Linking corporates to entrepreneurial companies with innovative products and services
	Securing IP Protection	Access to intellectual property specialists to advise on patents and copyright, both in the UK and internationally

BESPOKE SUPPORT DESIGNED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF YOUR BUSINESS continued

Funding	Preparing for and accessing seed funding	Helping you prepare to raise your initial funding and making introductions to local angel and early-stage funding networks
	Preparing for and accessing growth funding	Helping you prepare to raise Series A+ funding and making introductions to the local VCs and investment community
Research & Product Development	Accessing specialist research facilities	Access to leading UK facilities to accelerate the development, testing and demonstration of your products
	Accessing specialist research and technical expertise	Providing direct links to world class universities and research institutes in the region
	Access to regulatory support	Access to specialists in regulation to assist you in securing UK accreditation
	Access to clinical support	Access to leading hospitals, clinicians and the NHS
Talent	Support with talent recruitment	Connections to specialist head-hunting and recruitment firms
	Accessing student placements and graduates	Connections to placements and graduate recruitment in the local universities
Profile building	In-market communications	Amplification of your company communications in the West Midlands and broader UK market
Office Space	Fully funded desk space within an innovation community	Three desks for nine months within a choice of Innovation Districts across the West Midlands offering regular networking events

THRIVE IN OUR WORLD-CLASS INNOVATION HUBS

The Global Growth Programme brings together specialist technology hubs from across the region to offer you access to exceptional expertise and opportunities. Located across Birmingham, Coventry and Wolverhampton, each state-of-the-art facility is a centre of innovation and cutting-edge research, where CleanTech, Future Mobility, MedTech and Creative & Digital Tech firms collaborate and thrive. They also act as a gateway to additional West Midlands’ R&D institutions and business accelerators.



BIRMINGHAM

The largest UK city outside London, Birmingham is constantly evolving. Once an 18th century manufacturing powerhouse, the city is now a world-class centre of business, culture, education and technology that's using a long tradition of innovation to shape the future. A fascinating hub of diverse cultures, fine cuisine and contemporary living, Birmingham is an excellent choice for business and pleasure.

The Global Growth Programme offers access to four innovation hubs across the city.

ASTON BUSINESS HUB



Located on Aston University's campus, Aston Business Hub helps businesses scale with expert support and inspiring spaces.

Aston Business Hub was created as an extension of Aston University's dedication to helping SMEs and start-ups scale. Giving companies direct access to the university's industry expertise, specialist research capability, and R&D institutes like the Sir Peter Rigby Digital Futures Institute, alongside modern workspace and advanced AI tools that help businesses identify efficiencies and unlock new opportunities.

Join a dynamic business community built around innovation, collaboration and growth, with access to specialist expertise and technical support close at hand.

Contact Details

Aston Business Hub, Lower Ground Floor, Woodcock Street, Birmingham, B4 7ET
w: <https://www.aston.ac.uk/business/aston-business-hub>

Sector Specialisms



PRECISION HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES ACCELERATOR



The Precision Health Technologies Accelerator (PHTA) provides flexible category 2 laboratory and innovation space for life sciences start-ups and SMEs.

Located at Birmingham Health Innovation Campus, a world-leading research hub developed in partnership between the University of Birmingham and Bruntwood SciTech, PHTA gives companies access to the expertise, resources and infrastructure needed to translate healthcare innovations into clinical use, including phase one to three trials and real-world evaluation.

Through the 4000 sq. ft makerspace and government-backed cleanrooms, PHTA helps businesses test ideas, refine products and accelerate new healthcare technologies towards market through advanced prototyping and manufacturing capabilities.

Contact Details

No.1 BHIC, Birmingham Health Innovation Campus, 2 Bournbrook Way, Birmingham, B29 6TH
w: <https://phta.co.uk/>

Sector Specialisms



"This is absolutely the place to be for tech. Innovation Birmingham has got a track record helping businesses not just scale, but scale successfully, scale sustainably and have access to investment, business support and skills that would otherwise be really hard to come by."

Yiannis Maos MBE, CEO at TechWM

STEAMHOUSE

Located in Birmingham's Knowledge Quarter, STEAMhouse provides a wealth of support to help your digital tech business launch, sustain and scale. The hub is home to exciting start-ups and scale-ups in sectors ranging from software development and digital marketing to blockchain and cybersecurity.

With over 120,000ft² of high-quality space located over five floors, STEAMhouse offers state-of-the-art production space and workshops with access to immersive AR/VR technology and a comprehensive business support package.

Alongside initial onboarding and in-depth client needs analysis to implementing the support required to grow your business, STEAMhouse offers a superb programme of business workshops, mentoring and networking events. The hub also hosts a 72-desk business incubator, where entrepreneurs and fledgling businesses can get all the support and knowledge they need to hit the ground running.

Contact Details
Belmont Row, Birmingham, B4 7RQ
w: steamhouse.org.uk/

Sector Specialisms

CleanTech

Digital Tech

Early Stage

High Growth

Innovating Corporates



"I think the phrase 'unexpected ways' sums up the STEAMhouse. If you work in an environment where there are other business owners and amazing staff, you invariably find that you get help in ways that you didn't even know that you needed."

John Morse-Brown, Chief Operating Officer at Pigeon Posted

TYSELEY ENERGY PARK

Tyseley Energy Park (TEP) is located at the heart of Birmingham Green Energy Innovation District in the east of the city. With its mission to transform clean energy innovation in Birmingham and the West Midlands by stimulating and demonstrating new technologies and turning them into fully commercially viable energy systems, TEP will contribute to the West Midlands' commitments to become a net zero carbon economy by 2041.

Within the park is the University of Birmingham's Energy Innovation Centre (BEIC), a low and zero carbon refuelling station, a biomass power station, a hydrogen electrolyser, and the National Centre for the Decarbonisation of Heat, which is due to be completed in 2026.

TEP has created an environment where heat and power, and waste to value focused businesses can receive support and collaboration opportunities in a location that is a key focus of Birmingham's decarbonisation efforts. From testing an innovative idea, to tailored incubation programmes and commercial demonstrators, TEP offers varying levels of support dependent on the maturity of your business and technology readiness.

In partnership with the University of Birmingham (UoB) and Birmingham City Council, Tyseley Energy Park can access knowledge and resource that enable companies to develop sustainable, cutting-edge innovations at the park. Take advantage of the University's R&D expertise - and TEP's world-class industry networks - to scale and commercialise your product.

TEP's Business Incubation Hub assists climate-focused startups to develop their proposition and enter the market. It is also a key facilitator of the Climate Innovation Platform, an incubation programme designed by UoB and the Energy Systems Catapult.

Contact Details
Fordrough, Hay Mills, Birmingham, B25 8DW
w: tyseleyenergy.co.uk

Sector Specialisms

CleanTech

Future Mobility

Digital Tech

Early Stage

High Growth

Innovating Corporates



"Tyseley Energy Park tackles the challenges of clean energy on multiple fronts, from hydrogen-fuelled vehicles to energy from waste and other renewable sources. It's a great demonstration of what can be achieved through effective partnership between industry and academia."

Sir Keir Starmer, Leader of the Labour Party

COVENTRY

Surrounded by countryside, market towns and quaint villages, the city of Coventry offers a perfect location for businesses to grow and innovate in the UK.

An exciting city constantly evolving to meet the ever-changing demands of the 21st century, Coventry is home to some of the UK's leading R&D facilities for industries including CleanTech and Future Mobility. It also offers easy access to nearby Leamington Spa - one of the UK's largest games development clusters.



UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK SCIENCE PARK



The University of Warwick Science Park is one of Europe's premier science parks, with a vibrant community of more than 145 innovation-driven start-ups, scale-ups and multi-national companies operating in the CleanTech, Creative & Digital Technologies and Future Mobility sectors. Around a quarter of the businesses here are international companies establishing their first UK base.

The UWSP offers high-spec, high-quality office and lab space in three locations across Coventry and Warwickshire, each with room for your business to establish, expand and grow.

You'll have access to a range of sector-specific business accelerators and incubators, such as the Deep Tech Innovation Centre, which equips entrepreneurs and start-ups with the tools they need to solve global challenges. In addition, you can access The Climb, an inspirational event space that allows cutting-edge businesses to attend - and stage - innovation-related events.

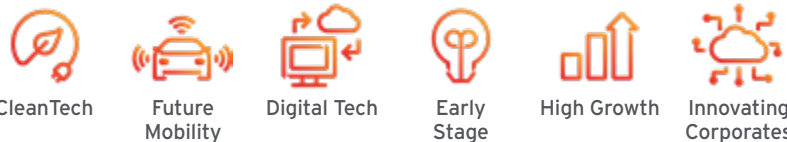
Businesses working in the Future Mobility sector will benefit from the hub's proximity to the National Automotive Innovation Centre, which brings together some of the brightest minds in the industry, while CleanTech firms can take advantage of links with WMG's Energy Innovation Centre - a national facility for battery research.

Participants in the Global Growth Programme can access the hub's network of business angels, as well as the Science Park's own in-house technical marketing agency for advice on market development and product launch. Of course, your business will also have access to the state-of-the-art facilities and talent pool of a renowned research-intensive university.

Contact Details

Venture Centre, Sir William Lyons Road, Coventry, CV4 7EZ
w: www.warwick.ac.uk

Sector Specialisms



"At Warwick we're ready to welcome tech-driven businesses to our vibrant community and help them gain maximum benefit from our innovation ecosystem."

Mark Tock, Chief Operations Officer
at University of Warwick Science Park

WOLVERHAMPTON

Located in the northwest of the region, Wolverhampton is a historic city bursting with creativity, originality and entrepreneurial flair. Home to one of the world's oldest professional football teams, Wolverhampton Wanderers, the city was once a major centre for coal mining and steel production.

With an economy rooted in engineering, Wolverhampton is investing heavily in zero-carbon initiatives via its cutting-edge Green Innovation Corridor. From the University of Wolverhampton's £120m Springfield Campus to the National Centre for Sustainable Construction, the city is at the heart of the West Midlands' world-class low-carbon economy.



UNIVERSITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON SCIENCE PARK



The University of Wolverhampton Science Park (UoWSP) is a thriving tech-business ecosystem that facilitates collaboration, growth and innovation. Businesses here regularly partner on joint ventures - sharing knowledge, resources and exploring new business and supply chain opportunities to develop more efficient processes and advance their products and services.

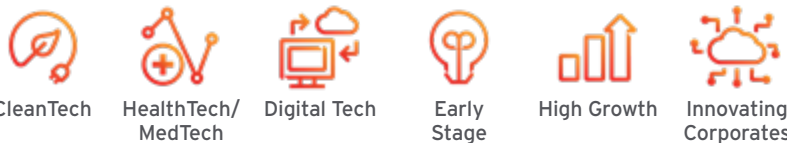
As part of the community, you'll have access to the National Brownfield Institute (NBI), a world-class research centre that, through innovation and partnership with the construction industry, is focusing on the practical application of future brownfield regeneration. The NBI hosts a range of technologies and facilities to support businesses working in the sector, including a state-of-the-art nine-metre Igloo immersive cylinder.

When it comes to supporting your growth, the area's leading business support organisation, the Black Country Chamber of Commerce, is co-located on site. The UoWSP also holds regular networking events and seminars that will connect your business to the University's valuable knowledge and research networks and world-class facilities.

Contact Details

Glaisher Drive, Wolverhampton, WV10 9RU
w: www.wolverhamptonsp.co.uk

Sector Specialisms



"The specialist facilities at the Science Park are ideal for businesses like ours, giving us the opportunity to enhance our research and development activities. It also allows us to access a multitude of support channels and collaboration with like-minded businesses."

Matt Eccles, Marketing Director at Tytek Group

GLOBAL SUCCESS STORIES

Since the Global Growth Programme launched in 2022, 35 businesses have landed into the region creating over 500 jobs.



Leveraging cutting edge Virtual Reality developed at India's top engineering university (IIT Madras), Skillveri's platform provides training for high-precision skills in the engineering and manufacturing sectors.

"With our target customers spread widely across England and Scotland, it made perfect sense to position ourselves in the West Midlands – right at the heart of the UK. As well as being extremely well connected to other major UK cities by road and rail, Birmingham was a much more cost-competitive option than the likes of London."

"Being part of the West Midlands Global Growth Programme gave us a real head-start on our UK growth journey. Having access to free desk space at Bruntwood SciTech – where we had dedicated consultancy and networking opportunities on our doorstep – has helped us to hit the ground running and thrive in the region from day one."

Sabarinath C. Nair, CEO at Skillveri



Mind & Matter Technology is an education technology consulting business. The Global Growth Programme helped them to establish a base here and now they have ambitious expansion plans.

"The support we've received from the West Midlands Global Growth Programme started before we even incorporated in the UK. Having done that, they've been very proactive in helping us network with other companies and in the West Midlands arena itself. I think they've delivered on everything."

Sukhbinder Heer – CEO, Mind & Matter Technology



Bellwether Industries is a pioneering urban air mobility company, providing compatible solutions for accessible personal flight in cities.

"The West Midlands' unique combination of an established manufacturing heritage and world-class strengths in emerging technologies made it the obvious location for us to test and scale our innovative eVTOL solutions."

The best thing about being part of the West Midlands Global Growth Programme was having around-the-clock access to bespoke consultancy, from our base at Bruntwood SciTech innovation hub. These conversations enabled us to quickly add value to our business model by identifying partnership and networking opportunities in the local ecosystem. A key highlight of the Programme was being invited to attend the Future Mobility event at the Commonwealth Games business conference, UK House, where we made valuable connections with local universities and key players in the global CleanTech industry."

Kai-Tse Lin, Co-Founder at Bellwether Industries



TheDisposal.Co

The Disposal Company is India's first automated plastic and carbon offsetting climate action initiative. Attracted by the UK's commitment to no plastics by 2024, they joined the Global Growth Programme to help develop their strategy.

"The support we've received is phenomenal. They've helped us register the company in the UK, understand taxes, and they've connected us to mentors and other businesses who can help us grow."

Pakhi Sharma – Senior Commercial Analyst, Disposal Company UK

ENJOY A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE

There's more to the West Midlands than just work. It's a fantastic place to live.

Located in the heart of the UK, just 90 minutes from London, the West Midlands region is a combination of bustling cities, thriving town centres, ancient villages and unspoilt countryside.

Centuries of history can be seen across the region, in towns like Shakespeare's Stratford-upon-Avon or places like the Black Country Museum. We have world-class shopping experiences, such as Birmingham's Bullring, a globally diverse culinary sector, and more canals, public parks and green spaces than anywhere in Europe.

The West Midlands has some of the UK's best cultural, leisure, and sporting facilities, including the famous Edgbaston Cricket Ground and Belfry Golf Course. We're also home to Premier League football clubs Aston Villa and Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Compared to other parts of the UK, your money goes further here. The average house price is 60% cheaper than in London and rents are far less too. If you're bringing your family, you'll be pleased to know the area also has excellent schools, universities and healthcare facilities.

Our warm, welcoming nature has made the West Midlands one of the most diverse regions in Europe. You'll find people from 190 different countries living here.

Will you be next?



BIRMINGHAM HAS MORE MICHELIN STARS THAN ANY OTHER ENGLISH CITY OUTSIDE OF LONDON



EXPLORE A THREE-CITY METROPOLITAN REGION



92% LOWER POPULATION DENSITY THAN LONDON, GIVING YOU MORE SPACE



EDUCATE YOUR CHILDREN AT ONE OF 500 'OUTSTANDING' SCHOOLS



60+ GALLERIES AND MUSEUMS TO EXPLORE A RICH CULTURAL HISTORY

IS YOUR BUSINESS ELIGIBLE FOR THE GLOBAL GROWTH PROGRAMME?



To be eligible for selection, your business must meet the following entry requirements:

- A foreign owned business: a wholly owned subsidiary or branch of a non-UK company OR a UK company with least 10% of the shareholding held by a non-UK organisation.
- A technology-led business operating in one of the following qualifying sectors: Future Mobility, CleanTech, HealthTech or MedTech, Digital Technology (e.g. FinTech, EdTech).
- A clear UK strategy and plan: Your business must have researched the opportunity to expand in the UK and confirmed the need to set up a new West Midlands operational base, along with a plan for delivery.
- A clear intent to build a team in the West Midlands: You need to be prepared to deploy at least 1 member in the region at least 5 days per month throughout the programme, with a plan for up to 3 people to be present in the West Midlands within 9 months and to recruit at least 10 local staff members within the West Midlands in 3 years.

Priority will be given to businesses with a credible business plan that have a strategic rationale for locating in the West Midlands, have the potential to create local employment and can benefit the local innovation ecosystem.



REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW

If you're ready to accelerate your entry into the UK by taking your place at the heart of an innovation powerhouse that's affecting global change, register your interest today.





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