**SCALE ACCELERATOR APPLICATION PACK**

Spring Impact is piloting a new, tailored and targeted version of the Scale Accelerator. It will concentrate on scaling the impact of UK projects that help marginalised individuals facing multiple disadvantage, like homelessness and substance abuse.

We are looking for organisations working with people with multiple disadvantage that want to scale the impact of their project.

Scale Accelerator has been made possible by the National Lottery Community Fund, the largest funder of community activity in the UK, which distributes money raised by National Lottery players. With the support of The National Lottery Community Fund we are pleased to offer subsidised places on Scale Accelerator.

Full subsidies will be available for the majority of organisations accepted on to the Scale Accelerator.

Larger organisations, or those currently receiving funding to scale may be asked to contribute to the costs.

For more information on the programme please see: https://www.springimpact.org/what-we-do/scale-accelerator/

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# WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR

We are looking for organisations that meet the following:

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| Programme suitability | Organisational status |
| * Support people experiencing multiple disadvantage. Multiple disadvantage is defined as people who experience some combination of: * Homelessness * Current or historical offending * Substance misuse * Mental ill health * Domestic violence and abuse * Meaningfully engages people with lived experience of the issue you are trying to address * Has some evidence of impact (either qualitative or quantitative) * Would likely be successful in new locations * Has received demand from potential partners or funders * Has stable sources of funding * Leadership team are able to commit time to participating in workshops and meetings throughout the course of the programme | * Operate in the UK * Fall under any of the following:\* * voluntary and community organisation * registered charity or charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) * group of organisations, as long as they are led by a voluntary and community organisation * school * statutory body (including local authorities, town, parish or community council) * not for profit company including companies limited by guarantee and Community Interest Companies with two or more directors (see below for ineligible CICs) |

\*Unfortunately we cannot accept applications from:

* individuals
* sole traders
* anyone who is applying on behalf of another organisation
* organisations that are aimed at generating profits primarily for private distribution. This includes those without sufficient asset locks or organisations that can pay profits to directors or shareholders, which may include some CICs limited by shares
* organisations without at least two unconnected (not a relation by blood, marriage, in a long-term relationship or people living together at the same address) people on the board or committee

# APPLICATION PROCESS

Please submit completed applications and accompanying documents to: [accelerator@springimpact.org](mailto:accelerator@springimpact.org) by **9th October 2019**. We will accept word or video versions of the application form.

Successful applicants will be invited to send two members of their team to a training day which will introduce Spring Impact’s approach to scale and what to expect from Scale Accelerator.

Please indicate which of the two dates you would prefer and save it in your diary:

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| **Date and Location** | **Preference?** |
| 11th November 2019, London |  |
| 12th November 2019, Location TBC based on convenience for trainees | Please indicate your preferred location: |

Following the training, we will arrange phone interviews we will shortlist candidates for interview. Interviews will take place w/c 25th November 2019. We will notify candidates the outcome of their interview w/c 9th December 2019.

The programme will begin in January 2020 and we will be holding a half day launch event in London on **9th January 2020**.

Please let us know if you will be unavailable for any of the above dates.

# APPLICATION FORM

1. **About your organisation**

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| **Organisation name** |
| **Contact details**   * **Name:** * **Position:** * **Email address:** * **Phone number:** * **Organisation website:** * **Organisation legal status:** |
| **How did you hear about Scale Accelerator?** |
| **Please briefly describe what your organisation does. Please include details on your services and where you operate.** *(Max 200 words)* |

1. **About your project for scale**

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| **Please describe the project you would like to scale including how long it has been running, where it currently operates, who its intended users are, how many people it supports and its key components.** *(Max 250 words)* |
| **For this cohort, we are looking to scale the impact of projects that work with people experiencing multiple disadvantage. Please describe the problem that your project seeks to address through scale? Please include details on the cause, size of the problem in the UK and if the nature of the problem is changing.** *(Max 250 words)* |
| **How do you measure the impact of the project? Please include the indicators you look for, how you collect information on these and what some of the results have been.** *(Max 200 words)* |
| **How is your project currently funded? Please include details of the types of funding sources e.g. statutory, grant funding etc.** *(Max 200 words)* |
| **How is your project shaped by people with lived experience? Please include information on how you engage people with lived experience of the issue you are trying to address and how this has influenced how your project is delivered.** *(Max 200 words)* |

1. **Plans for scale**

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| **Why do you want to scale your project at this time?** *(Max 250 words)* |
| **What makes you feel confident there is demand for your project beyond its current reach? If applicable, please give examples of organisations that have expressed interest in delivering your project.** *(Max 250 words)* |

1. **Interest in Scale Accelerator**

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| **What do you want to achieve from participating in Scale Accelerator?** *(Max 200 words)* |

1. **Funding details**

We are pleased to offer subsidised places for Scale Accelerator with the support of The National Lottery Community Fund. Subsidies will be assessed on a case by case basis and we are able to offer full subsidies to all eligible organisations.

The following questions will help us understand your eligibility for a subsidised place on Scale Accelerator.

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| **We are committed to avoiding any duplication of funding and to this end ask that you declare any funding you have received from The National Lottery Community Fund, NESTA or Unltd that equates to £50,000 or over. Often this funding will not be duplicative of any subsidy you receive to participate in Scale Accelerator. If there are any areas of duplication, we will follow up with you directly.**     * **Funding programme:** * **Grant purpose:** * **Name of contact at The National Lottery Community Fund or other organisation:** |
| **Spring Impact’s 2019 Scale Accelerator has been made possible by a strategic partnership with the National Lottery Community Fund. Together we are committed to ensuring that all organisations can have access to Scale Accelerator, regardless of their resources. However, when organisations are in a position to do so, we do ask that they contribute. This helps to ensure that we can continue to offer the Scale Accelerator to non-profits across the UK over the long-term. Please provide details on whether your organisation is able to contribute to its place on the programme and any rationale and supporting evidence. If you are able to offer a contribution, please include an approximate value.** *(Max 250 words)* |

# ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS

In addition to the application form, please send:

* If available, your theory of change for your organisation and/or project you want to scale
* Any evaluation reports of the project you want to scale
* Organisational chart (details of staff team and structure)
* Most recent audited accounts
* Budget for project you want to scale