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## Your Lancashire Community Finance Mentor

Our team of mentors are there to support you in all aspects of your business. They are friendly and approachable with loads of local knowledge and a wide range of business contacts.

As part of the Start Up Loan package you will be teamed up with your own mentor, who will act as your guide through the often challenging first months in business.

To get the most from this FREE service, it would be useful if you could let us know what you need from a mentor. Is it:

- Sounding board for ideas
- Local knowledge
- Expertise in a particular business field
- Help with your marketing plans
- Help with general business planning
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- Financial controls

Networking opportunities

- Other (Please give us details)

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Whatever you need, your mentor will be your business buddy, in a supportive but challenging relationship. The service is flexible and free, you can call on your mentor for face to face, telephone or e-mail support for two hours per month for the first 3 months and then one hour per month thereafter.

Please return this form to us with your loan application to help us get your mentor in place as soon as possible. All our mentors have a wealth of business experience and whilst we will try to match you with a mentor who has particular knowledge in the areas you feel you need particular support, this may not be possible if you are planning to operate in a very specialised market.

Thank you

The Lancashire Community Finance Start Up Loan Team