

## Working in business and as an entrepreneur

If you have skills to offer or a great idea you may want to start your own business. Lots of people start new business all the time

There is a lot to think about before you start:

- what name to give your business
- how you are going to run it and who will be involved
- how you are going to attract customers
- your setting up costs
- paying tax
- health and safety



You may want to consider setting up a social enterprise. This is a business with a social purpose where any profits are used to benefit the community.

Whatever sort of business you start, English and maths will be important. You may need to keep accounts, work out costs and prices or quote for work. You may need to send letters or write emails to customers and communicate with a range of people to get your business started and to keep it going. You will also need to read information and understand information about health and safety.

There is lots of practical advice about setting up a business at the **Business Link** website [www.businesslink.gov.uk](http://www.businesslink.gov.uk).