

Annual Review 2021/2022

Interface's Impact

2021-2022 has been another successful year for our Scotland-wide team. We enabled 367 collaborations between organisations and Scottish universities, research institutes and colleges and reached a major milestone of achieving 3,000 collaborations since 2005.

The projects brokered by Interface create and protect jobs, deliver new products, processes and services, and increase turnover, profits and productivity.

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Interface is Inclusive

We work with businesses and organisations of all sizes in Scotland and beyond.

88% of collaborative projects demonstrated positive environmental and/or societal impacts which reinforces the Scottish Government's priorities of a green recovery, a well-being economy and a just transition to a net zero carbon society.

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17 organisations from across Scotland secured £160,00<mark>0 fun</mark>ding from the Scottish Food & Drink Net Zero Challenge Fund for collaborative projects with Scottish universities to support their journey to net zero.

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Businesses out with Scotland were awarded £60,000 from the Inward Investment Catalyst Fund, which Interface and the Scottish Government launched at the end of 2021 designed for businesses not yet located in Scotland but seeking to establish stronger ties with academia here.

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Interface Informs

We introduced Scottish Government ministers to academics, businesses and organisations we've worked with, sharing their successes and showcasing the ways in which collaborative working has benefitted their communities, the environment and the economy.



Watch Jamie Hepburn MSP, Minister for Higher Education, Further Education, Youth Employment and Training, meet with Sustainable Thinking Scotland, Community Interest Company, and uncover how sustained relationships can develop out of initial projects.

Interface Inspires

Our partnerships within the Scottish business-support ecosystem helps inspire organisations to turn their good ideas into a reality.

With our partners, CEIS and Sport Scotland, we held a special series of events promoting the benefits of collaboration.

Through this we've inspired organisations to uncover the benefits of partnering with academics.

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160 people celebrated the 7th Scottish Knowledge Exchange Awards, recognising successful collaborative partnerships. A follow up event at Glasgow Science Centre allowed Ivan McKee MSP, Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise, to meet some of the winners

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Interface Innovates

Our case studies feature new innovations which have flourished by finding the right academic partners. These include robotics, hygiene devices, sports equipment, digital technologies, heritage centres and environmental processes from across different industry sectors, regions and university partners.

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100% of organisations were satisfied/extremely satisfied with Interface's service













