

Community Business Incubator

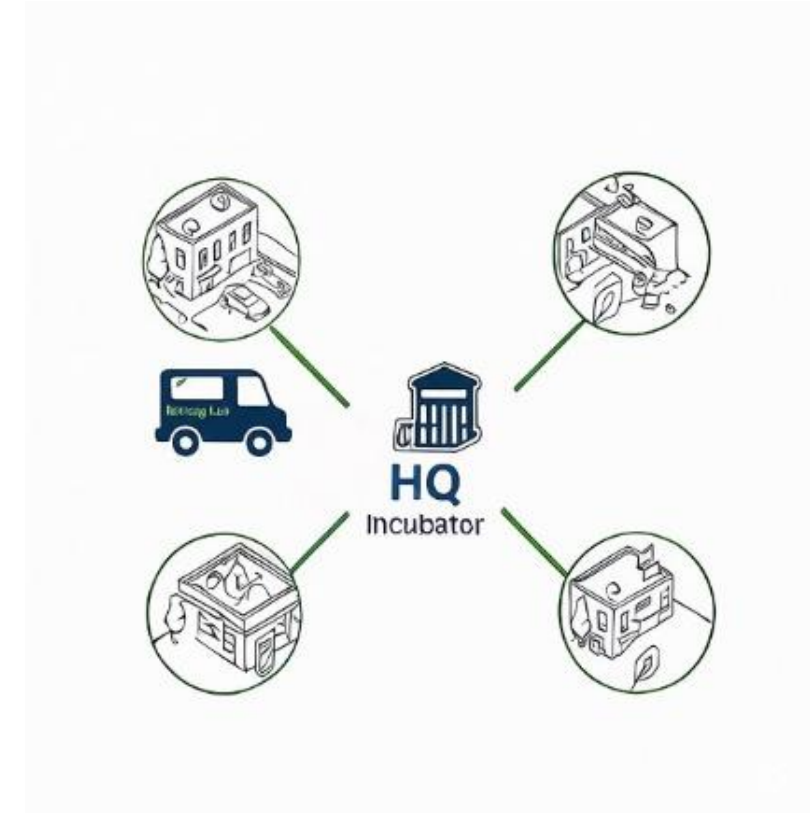
‘Roving Lab’ supported by ‘HQ Incubator’

Roving Lab

- Roving Lab will rotate to different neighbourhoods hosted by community partners.
- Focus is on kickstarting *hyperlocal community-owned enterprises* i.e. owned by, hire and serve locals.

HQ Incubator

- Not everyone wants to be part of collective enterprises → referral to niche incubators in our network.
- Not all will be keen to own or operate a local enterprises, and not all businesses are suited to be local → these will be forwarded to HQ Incubator.



Overview

5- month long incubator programme with business support

Key Milestone	Outcomes
Asset Mapping and Team Formation	Initial team understand each other's strengths and interests, and articulate business ideas
Community 101	Understand ethos, values and purpose of community-owned businesses
Sociocracy 101	Training on democratic decision-making
Business Training	Gain entrepreneurial skills and knowledge
Co-entrepreneur + Business Mentor Matching	Initial team complemented with requisite expertise and support to develop business plan
Community Exhibition	Business plans shared with community and stakeholders for recruiting team members and community share offers

4 Consecutive Runs

- Delta/ Hoy Fatt neighbourhood (Host: South Central Community Family Service Centre)
- HQ Incubator 1
- Ang Mo Kio neighbourhood (Host: Allkin Singapore)
- HQ Incubator 2

IPS Team & Collaborator



Wong Toon King



Justin Lee



Wong Kang Li



Wilson Goh



Cecilia Kuek



Marilyn Koh



**Darren Yong
(Collaborator)**

Advisory Committee

Role: Provide pro bono guidance and connect additional expertise and resources to CBIP team for incubation support.

Advisory Committee Member	Organisation
Alfie Othman, CEO	Singapore Centre for Social Enterprise (RaiSE)
Ang Hin Kee, CEO	Singapore National Co-operative Federation (SNCF)
Ang Yuit, President	Association of Small & Medium Enterprises
Chester Tan, Founder	Heritage Business Foundation
Edwin Sia, Director of Business Development and Market Expansion	Corning International Southeast Asia
Lee Shi Yan, Honorary Legal Advisor	GP+ Cooperative Limited
Priscilla Koh, Head	SUSS Venture Building

Network of Inclusive and Community Enterprises (NICE)

Vision: A connected social and solidarity economy where players support each other to thrive.

Specific Purposes:

- Absorption of community business idea into an existing enterprise
- Joint ventures or social franchising
- Potential fiscal sponsorship from a social service agency
- Business support & Corporate Secretary with relevant expertise
- Referrals to niche incubators if participants prefer to set up individually- owned businesses

NICE Member Categories:

- Cooperatives
- Social enterprises
- SMEs
- Incubators
- Grassroots organisations or SSAs with employment support programme

Consider Joining NICE



Join with other mission-aligned organisations to support each other to thrive!

Visit our IPS webpage to find out more.

Updated Webpage

IPS Institute of Policy Studies

HOME | ABOUT US | SOCIAL LAB | POLICY LAB | **RESEARCH** | PUBLICATIONS | NEWS | EVENTS | CORPORATE ASSOCIATES

COMMUNITY BUSINESSES

Drivers' Co-op, Social Tours, Caregiving Co-op, Wellness Co-op, F&B Co-op, Parent-led Childcare, Community Bank, ... and more!

ABOUT | THE PROGRAMME | **COMMUNITY BUSINESSES** | NETWORKS & EVENTS | FAQs

WHAT IS THE PROGRAMME?

- The Community Business Incubator supports groups to start community-owned enterprises or multi stakeholder cooperatives that are collectively owned and democratically managed.
- Run by IPS Policy Lab to test an alternative model of how economic activity can be made to serve community needs.
- Funded by the [Future Ready Society Impact Fund](#).

WHAT KIND OF BUSINESSES ARE WE BUILDING?

These are the underlying features of community-owned businesses and cooperatives that can build community wealth, create economic inclusion and improve social mobility.

- 1 From Member Benefit to Broader Community Purpose
- 2 Expanding Forms of Ownership
- 3 Multistakeholder Governance & Decentralised Organisations

GET INVOLVED

Join as:

- **Co-Entrepreneur:** Join a group interested in starting a community-owned enterprise
- **Business Mentor:** Offer your expertise to guide groups starting their own business
- **Business Support:** Offer services, consultancy or funding to community groups starting their enterprises
- **Keep updated:** Receive updates on the Community Business Incubator Programme

Sign up now!

Find out more about the Community Business Incubator on this updated webpage on the IPS website.



Get Involved

The screenshot shows the website of the Institute of Policy Studies (iPS). The header includes the iPS logo and navigation links: HOME | ABOUT US | SOCIAL LAB | POLICY LAB | **RESEARCH** | PUBLICATIONS | NEWS | EVENTS | CORPORATE ASSOCIATES. The main content area features a large graphic titled 'COMMUNITY BUSINESSES' with various icons representing different types of community businesses: Drivers' Co-op, Social Tours, Caregiving Co-op, Community Bank, Parent-led Childcare, F&B Co-op, and Wellness Co-op. Below this graphic is a navigation bar with links: ABOUT | THE PROGRAMME | **COMMUNITY BUSINESSES** | NETWORKS & EVENTS | FAQs. The 'WHAT IS THE PROGRAMME?' section lists three bullet points: 'The Community Business Incubator supports groups to start community-owned enterprises or multi stakeholder cooperatives that are collectively owned and democratically managed.', 'Run by IPS Policy Lab to test an alternative model of how economic activity can be made to serve community needs.', and 'Funded by the [Future Ready Society Impact Fund](#).' The 'WHAT KIND OF BUSINESSES ARE WE BUILDING?' section states: 'These are the underlying features of community-owned businesses and cooperatives that can build community wealth, create economic inclusion and improve social mobility.' Below this are three numbered boxes: 1. From Member Benefit to Broader Community Purpose, 2. Expanding Forms of Ownership, and 3. Multistakeholder Governance & Decentralised Organisations. On the right, the 'GET INVOLVED' section lists four roles: Co-Entrepreneur, Business Mentor, Business Support, and Keep updated. A red arrow points to the 'Sign up now!' button at the bottom of this section.

COMMUNITY BUSINESSES

- Drivers' Co-op
- Social Tours
- Caregiving Co-op
- Community Bank
- Parent-led Childcare
- F&B Co-op
- Wellness Co-op
- ... and more!

WHAT IS THE PROGRAMME?

- The Community Business Incubator supports groups to start community-owned enterprises or multi stakeholder cooperatives that are collectively owned and democratically managed.
- Run by IPS Policy Lab to test an alternative model of how economic activity can be made to serve community needs.
- Funded by the [Future Ready Society Impact Fund](#).

WHAT KIND OF BUSINESSES ARE WE BUILDING?

These are the underlying features of community-owned businesses and cooperatives that can build community wealth, create economic inclusion and improve social mobility.

- 1 From Member Benefit to Broader Community Purpose
- 2 Expanding Forms of Ownership
- 3 Multistakeholder Governance & Decentralised Organisations

GET INVOLVED

Join as:

- Co-Entrepreneur: Join a group interested in starting a community-owned enterprise
- Business Mentor: Offer your expertise to guide groups starting their own business
- Business Support: Offer services, consultancy or funding to community groups starting their enterprises
- Keep updated: Receive updates on the Community Business Incubator Programme

Sign up now!

Join as:

- Co-Entrepreneur
- Business Mentor
- Business Support
- Keep updated

