



# Social Enterprises

in

Melbourne's Inner North

## What is a social enterprise?

As defined by the [Centre for Social Impact at Swinburne University](#), social enterprises:

- are led by an economic, social, cultural, or environmental mission consistent with a public or community benefit;
- trade to fulfil their mission;
- derive a substantial portion of their income from trade; and
- reinvest the majority of their profit/surplus in the fulfilment of their mission

## Why support local social enterprise?

When we support social enterprises, not only are we getting quality services and goods at competitive prices, we are also supporting the social and/or environmental purpose behind the enterprise. In particular by supporting local social enterprises, the socioeconomic benefits stay in the community and we can help build a stronger sense of community while minimising travel distance and our carbon footprint.

## How we can support social enterprises

There are many ways to support social enterprises and one of the best ways is to buy from them. The next time you are having a meal, needing catering, gardening, home or property cleaning/maintenance services, why not check out the social enterprises which are operating in your locality?

## About this booklet

For the convenience of people living and working in Melbourne's inner north suburbs as well as regular visitors, we have compiled a list of social enterprises in the inner north, primarily located in the municipalities of Moreland, Darebin and Yarra<sup>1</sup>. The information here is compiled from the websites of the social enterprises; for further information please visit the website directly. The information in this booklet may change and we may have missed something at the time of compilation. Please do get in touch [info@innorthfoundation.org.au](mailto:info@innorthfoundation.org.au) if you wish to provide feedback and updates.

CATEGORY	NAME	DESCRIPTION	ADDRESS	SUBURB	WEBSITE
FOOD & DRINK / CATERING	ASRC Catering	Providing catering services as well as social and economic empowerment for people seeking asylum. The catering team comprises ASRC asylum seeker members led by experienced mentor chefs.	321 St. Georges Road	North Fitzroy	<a href="http://www.catering.asrc.org.au/about/">http://www.catering.asrc.org.au/about/</a>
	1. Charcoal Lane	Provides guidance and opportunity to young people, many of whom are Aboriginal and in need of a fresh start in life. The aim of the program is to create a skilled workforce for the hospitality industry, providing leadership and mentoring to help vulnerable young people achieve their potential and gain long-term	136 Gertrude Street	Fitzroy	<a href="http://www.charcoalane.com.au/">http://www.charcoalane.com.au/</a>

<sup>1</sup> Op shops run by the major charitable organisations are also social enterprises but have not been included in this listing. You may wish to contact the organisation directly or look up <http://opshop.org/> to find one in your suburb.

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	<b>2. Crepes for Change</b>	Event catering and crêpe van that roams Melbourne's streets, markets and festivals with 100% of profits going to the alleviation of youth homelessness in Australia.	Various	St Kilda	<a href="http://crepesforchange.com/">http://crepesforchange.com/</a>
	<b>3. Feast of Merit</b>	100% of profits go towards supporting social entrepreneurs in Australia, Africa and Asia seeking to improve the lives of people living in poverty.	117 Swan Street	Richmond	<a href="http://ygap.com.au/our-inputs/feast-of-merit/">http://ygap.com.au/our-inputs/feast-of-merit/</a>
	<b>4. Lentil as Anything</b>	A not-for-profit vegetarian restaurant that challenges patrons to decide for themselves a fair price for their dining experience. This enables everyone regardless of financial circumstances to have an equal "place at the table".	562-564 High Street 288 High Street 1-3 St Heliers Street	Thornbury Preston Abbotsford	<a href="http://lentilasanything.com/">http://lentilasanything.com/</a>
	<b>5. Scarf</b>	Scarf is a social enterprise which runs Monday Night Dinners in borrowed restaurants, providing training opportunities to young people who face barriers to work. The two-course set menu is cooked by a head chef and served by trainees and their mentors.	Various		<a href="http://scarfcommunity.org/">http://scarfcommunity.org/</a>
	<b>6. Streat</b>	Cafe and catering enterprise which aims to address youth homelessness by providing training and employment to disadvantaged young people 126 Smith St (Collingwood) aged 16-25.	62-70 Cromwell Street	Collingwood (new HQ café and flagship site)	<a href="https://www.streat.com.au/">https://www.streat.com.au/</a>
	<b>7. The Merri Table</b>	Organic café/restaurant run as part of CERES Community Environment Park.	Corner Roberts and Stewart Streets	Brunswick East	<a href="http://ceres.org.au/social-enterprises/cafe/">http://ceres.org.au/social-enterprises/cafe/</a>
	<b>8. The Cutting Table</b>	Café/restaurant that is part of The Social Studio, a social enterprise improving the lives of young Australians from a refugee or migrant background and who may have experienced barriers to accessing education and/or securing employment.	126-128 Smith Street	Collingwood	<a href="http://www.thesocialstudio.org/food/">http://www.thesocialstudio.org/food/</a>
	<b>9. Wild Timor</b>	Sourcing organic, ethical and direct traded coffee from Timor Leste. Proceeds go towards health, water, education and other development projects in Timor.	282 Sydney Road	Coburg	<a href="http://www.wildtimorcoffee.com/cafe.html">http://www.wildtimorcoffee.com/cafe.html</a>
	<b>10. ASRC Cleaning</b>	Providing commercial and domestic cleaning	214-218	Footscray	<a href="https://www.asrc.org.au/home/our-">https://www.asrc.org.au/home/our-</a>

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CLEANING/ PROPERTY MAINTENANCE		services which can be booked by customers in Melbourne whose house or property is easily accessible by public transport. Employees are ASRC members who are seeking asylum.	Nicholson Street		<a href="http://www.cleanforce.com.au/services/how-we-help/social-enterprises/cleaning-service/">services/how-we-help/social-enterprises/cleaning-service/</a>
	11. Clean Force Property Services	Provides property maintenance services and employment and training for people with disabilities and from social housing backgrounds. Clean Force is owned and managed by <a href="http://www.wiseemployment.com.au/">WISE Employment</a> .	22-24 Railway Place East	Preston	<a href="http://www.cleanforce.com.au/">http://www.cleanforce.com.au/</a>
	12.GBE Electrical Services	Supporting the next generation of electricians by employing electrician apprentices from groups under-represented in the electrical trade. Parent company is <a href="http://www.wiseemployment.com.au/">WISE Employment</a>	22-24 Railway Place East	Preston	<a href="http://www.gbeco.com.au/">http://www.gbeco.com.au/</a>
	13.ReBuild	A venture that is part of the Bridge Project run by YMCA, offering quality facility maintenance services while supporting and employing disadvantaged youth.		Carlton	<a href="http://bridgeproject.ymca.org.au/get-involved/rebuild.html">http://bridgeproject.ymca.org.au/get-involved/rebuild.html</a>
	14.Brite Plants and Herb Farm	Brite Plants is the wholesale nursery division of Brite Services, an Australian Disability Enterprise that provides employment and training for people with disabilities.	Corner Belfast Street and Dallas Drive	Broadmeadows	<a href="http://briteind.com.au/brite-plants.html">http://briteind.com.au/brite-plants.html</a>
	15.CERES Permaculture & Bushfood Nursery	Part of CERES Community Environment Park	Corner Roberts and Stewart Streets	Brunswick East	<a href="http://ceres.org.au/social-enterprises/nursery/">http://ceres.org.au/social-enterprises/nursery/</a>
	16.Peppertree Place Nursery	Volunteer-run community nursery and café with regular food swaps.	512 Sydney Road	Coburg	<a href="https://www.kildonan.org.au/social-enterprises/peppertree-place/">https://www.kildonan.org.au/social-enterprises/peppertree-place/</a>
PLANTS/ GARDENING SUPPLIES & SERVICES	17.True Growth Gardening	Garden design and maintenance, including permaculture. Provides employment to those who may be marginalised from other work.	10 Down Street	Reservoir	<a href="http://www.truegrowthgardening.com.au/">http://www.truegrowthgardening.com.au/</a>
	18.CERES Fair Food	Organic food sourced from local farmers and grocery producers at fair prices; provides employment to asylum seekers and new arrivals. Food orders delivered to homes and via a network of volunteer Food Host pick-up points across Melbourne's inner suburbs. Profits support environmental education at CERES Environment Park.	6/198 Beavers Rd	Northcote	<a href="http://www.ceresfairfood.org.au/">http://www.ceresfairfood.org.au/</a>
	19.Outlook Market at Darebin Resource Recovery Centre	Proceeds are directed towards the mission of disability and social inclusion - half of Outlook staff have a disability or come from a	Kurnai Avenue (off Henty Street)	Reservoir	<a href="https://outlookvic.org.au/environmental/">https://outlookvic.org.au/environmental/</a>

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FRUIT & VEG / GROCERIES		disadvantaged background. The amount of recyclable material collected contributes to job creation at Outlook Environmental.			
	20. Sisterworks	A social enterprise that supports women with asylum seeker, refugee or migrant backgrounds to gain independence and become integrated into Australian society	393 Swan Street	Richmond	<a href="http://www.sisterworks.org.au/">http://www.sisterworks.org.au/</a>
	21. The Social Studio	Using the vehicle of fashion and hospitality business, including a clothing label, retail shop, digital printing studio, café and a catering business to help improve the lives of young Australians from a refugee or migrant background who have experienced barriers to accessing education and/or securing employment. (See also The Cutting Table)	126-128 Smith St	Collingwood	<a href="http://www.thesocialstudio.org/">http://www.thesocialstudio.org/</a>
RETAIL / SECOND HAND BRIC-A- BRAC	22. Green PC	Part of Infoxchange, an enterprise selling refurbished computers donated by organisations. Each computer is thoroughly cleaned, tested and updated before being offered for sale to community groups, low income individuals and the general public. GreenPC seeks to enable people on low incomes to access viable technology and to reduce the environmental impact of "outdated" technology by prolonging its lifespan and usability.	33 Elizabeth Street	Richmond	<a href="http://www.greenpc.com.au/who-we-are">http://www.greenpc.com.au/who-we-are</a>
	23. Infoxchange	Provider of technology solutions to help not-for-profits achieve their goals.	33 Elizabeth Street	Richmond	<a href="https://www.infoxchange.org/au">https://www.infoxchange.org/au</a>
	24. Abbotsford Convent	Multi-arts precinct with historical significance now operated by the Abbotsford Convent Foundation (ACF), a not-for-profit organisation. The Convent is home to over 100 studios, two galleries, cafes, a bandroom, an outdoor cinema, a radio station, a school, and an abundance of green open space. Each year the Convent welcomes a diverse range of art projects, rehearsals, workshops, exhibitions, markets, events and festivals.	1 St Heliers Street	Abbotsford	<a href="http://abbotsfordconvent.com.au/visit">http://abbotsfordconvent.com.au/visit</a>
COMPUTING / TECHNOLOGY	25. Arts Project Australia	This studio and gallery exist to nurture and promote artists with an intellectual disability as they develop their art practice. The artists' work is promoted and exhibited as contemporary art, and studio artists are represented in mainstream	24 High Street	Northcote	<a href="http://www.artspjroject.org.au/">http://www.artspjroject.org.au/</a>

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ART / CLASSES / VENUE HIRE	<b>26. CERES Environment Park</b>	art exhibitions and events. CERES (pronounced 'series') – Centre for Education and Research in Environmental Strategies – is a place where people come together to share and participate in meeting their social and material needs in a sustainable way. A not-for-profit community organisation which runs environmental education programs, urban agriculture projects, green technology demonstrations and a number of social enterprises including a market, grocery, café, community kitchen, organic online supermarket and a permaculture and bushfood nursery.	Corner Roberts and Stewart Streets	Brunswick East	<a href="http://ceres.org.au/">http://ceres.org.au/</a>
	<b>27. Positive Charge</b>	Established by the Moreland Energy Foundation Limited (MEFL) to provide advisory services and programs to help households, community groups and businesses to save energy and money.	233 Sydney Road	Brunswick	<a href="http://www.positivecharge.com.au/">http://www.positivecharge.com.au/</a>
	<b>28. Youthworx</b>	Making videos with a social conscience; proceeds from Youthworx Productions go into Youthworx Media to help marginalised young people find their feet through accredited training courses and work placement.	1/29 Tinning Street	Brunswick	<a href="http://youthworxproductions.org.au/">http://youthworxproductions.org.au/</a>
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# B Corps in Melbourne's Inner North

## What is a B Corp?

B Corporations represent an emerging group of companies that are using the power of business to create a positive impact on the world and generate a shared and durable prosperity for all.

Certified B Corporations have undertaken the B Impact Assessment, scored over 80, and have signed a term sheet that declares that they will consider all stakeholders. According to B Lab, the company behind the certification process, this is a rigorous assessment that explores a company's governance, transparency, environmental and social impact. B Corps voluntarily hold themselves to a higher level of accountability in these areas.

Today, there are 1,229 Certified B Corps from 41 countries and 121 industries. There are 128 in Australia and New Zealand, of which the following are located in Melbourne's inner north suburbs.

Name	Type of Business	Address	Suburb	Website
1. August	Creative design / branding communications	21 David Street	Richmond	<a href="https://www.august.com.au/">https://www.august.com.au/</a>
2. i=Change	Cause-marketing for online retailers	2 Adelaide Street	Richmond	<a href="http://www.iequalchange.com/">http://www.iequalchange.com/</a>
3. Jasper Coffee	Café	267 Brunswick Street	Fitzroy	<a href="http://www.jaspercoffee.com/">http://www.jaspercoffee.com/</a>
4. KeepCup (HQ)	Reusable beverage containers	72 Westgarth Street	Fitzroy	<a href="http://www.keepcup.com.au/">http://www.keepcup.com.au/</a>
5. Nation Partners	Environmental assessments/advisory for building and construction	229 Lennox Street	Richmond	<a href="http://www.nationpartners.com.au/">http://www.nationpartners.com.au/</a>
6. Portable Studios	Creative design/digital communications	2/59 Keele Street	Collingwood	<a href="http://portablestudios.com.au/">http://portablestudios.com.au/</a>
7. Right Lane	Organizational /management consulting	14 Risely Street	Richmond	<a href="http://www.rightlane.com.au/">http://www.rightlane.com.au/</a>
8. Squareweave	Digital marketing/communications	454 Smith Street	Collingwood	<a href="https://www.squareweave.com.au/">https://www.squareweave.com.au/</a>
9. Studio Thick	Creative design/digital communications	4 Brunswick Place	Fitzroy	<a href="http://www.studiothick.com/">http://www.studiothick.com/</a>