



STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

of the ALL-PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP FOR INCLUSIVE ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Aim: *To ensure that Parliament is fully informed on what is needed to create and sustain the most beneficial conditions for inclusive economic growth. To stimulate, encourage and nurture inclusive entrepreneurship throughout the country, and to engage with entrepreneurs who have protected characteristics, particularly disabled entrepreneurs.*

Background: All-Party Groups (APGs) are informal, cross-party, interest groups essentially run by and for Members of the House of Commons and House of Lords. Many groups gain a wider perspective by involving individuals and organisations from outside Parliament in administration and activities.

Rationale: The proposed APPGIE will build on published recommendations within this emerging sector, combining a wide range of expertise and knowledge. The group aims to partner with relevant Government offices and major UK and international entrepreneurship organisations, as well as with relevant disability charities and groups, other appropriate all-party groups, universities, schools and accelerator programmes. It will further fulfil its objectives through holding events in Parliament and online, where both emerging and established entrepreneurs with protected characteristics meet with Parliamentarians and hear from expert speakers to share ideas and best practice.

OBJECTIVES

- To increase the numbers and raise the profile of Inclusive Entrepreneurs.
- To raise awareness of current conditions affecting Entrepreneurs who have protected characteristics particularly disabled entrepreneurs.
- To seek Parliamentary support and/or scrutiny of the Secretary of State for The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), and other appropriate Ministers and Shadow Ministers in any consultations on inclusive entrepreneur related issues.
- Encourage oral and written questions from members of parliament to Government regarding supporting inclusion in entrepreneurship.
- To keep under review policies, as well as funding and development programmes, both in the UK and abroad, and the effect these have on entrepreneurs who have protected characteristics, particularly disabled entrepreneurs.
- Assess how inclusive entrepreneurs might respond to changes in the business climate including the pandemic and to seek action by Parliament and the Government.
- Support the development of an Inclusive Entrepreneurship mentoring programme involving business leaders and start up entrepreneurs with protected characteristics.