**Business Structures**

It is important to find what kind of structure will work best for you and your business.

**Sole Trader**

A sole trader is a self-employed person who is the sole owner of their business. It's the simplest and most popular type of business. Being a sole trader means there's less paperwork but it means you are personally liable for any debts.

**Limited Company**

A limited company has shareholders and is run by directors. Limited liability means you are protected if your business owes money. Taxes can be lower for limited companies.

**Partnership**

If more than one of you want to set up in business together its common to set up as a partnership  
[**You can find out more about business structures**](https://www.gov.uk/set-up-business/sole-trader.html)

**Your other option is a Social Enterprise**

A social enterprise reinvests any profits back into the business or community, rather than maximising profit for shareholders or owners. They are all about bringing about social change or supporting a community.  
Find out more about them on the [**Social Business Wales site**](https://businesswales.gov.wales/socialbusinesswales/)