

Minerva Business Angels – Warwick's Dynamic Angel Group

Minerva Business Angels started in 1994 to support the tenants of the University of Warwick Science Park and has grown into the UK's largest syndicated networks. Minerva has supported ~100 businesses and help raise over £63m and looks to support companies raising from £150,000 to £3m. Being part of the University of Warwick Science Park and the University of Warwick's angel network is one of its greatest assets, together with its expansion across like-minded organisations.

Minerva focuses on tech businesses, both start-ups and scale-ups, and has grown by establishing collaborative relationships with other universities such as Aston, Birmingham, Loughborough, Liverpool John Moores, Nottingham Trent, and Nottingham. It also works with Sci-Tech Daresbury Park and the Black Country Growth Hub to deliver investment groups in their areas as well Warwick Business School to deliver Minerva London at The Shard.

Our new Angel Education programme has been well received with more than 1,000 registrations. We continue to work hard to stimulate angel investment as an important portfolio addition with the potential to bring significant social benefits, supported by substantial investment tax breaks.

Minerva recently launched two new specialist groups. A Creative & Digital Angel Group (the first outside of London, if not the only one of its kind in the UK) and the Super Start-Up Club. Super Start-Up Club is designed to support the best start-ups to achieve their potential in the Midlands, and also to help the members of MICRA West Midlands spinouts accomplish the same (MICRA is a collaboration between the Intellectual Transfer Offices of Aston, Birmingham, Cranfield, Keele, Leicester, Loughborough, Nottingham and Warwick universities to bring their best IP to the market).

We pride ourselves in being a gateway to some of the best innovation in the UK and supportive of local talent. Minerva Birmingham (a collaboration with the universities of Aston, Birmingham and Warwick) delivers Minerva Birmingham PitchUp – a regional competition to help local talent get investment ready and raise funds.

Minerva is a genuinely dynamic network of like-minded people who come together to support growing companies. Our Angels come from all walks of life and Minerva is on a mission to break the many negative myths around angel investing -e.g. it's for the ultra-wealthy, it takes a lot of time, it's for the male, pale and stale, you need a financial/legal background etc. None of these myths are true.

We work closely with Warwick Business School and have several research projects together looking at angel investing to help improve the landscape.

Visit our [website](#) to find out more.