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# GUIDED STEPS TO START UP

## EXPLORE, START OR GROW YOUR IDEA



## THRIVING RURAL FUTURES TAKE THE NEXT STEP

Are you ready to set goals and a vision for a social enterprise concept?  
Would you like to review and synthesise what you have learnt about social enterprise?  
Are you looking for guidance and tips to set up or develop a social enterprise in your rural community?

Apply now for Steps to Startup – a program that helps you plan, build and launch a successful social enterprise

**APPLY HERE**

Applications will be accepted from individuals/community groups in these Victorian Local Governments areas:

Ararat, Alpine, Ballarat, East Gippsland, Glenelg, Golden Plains, Indigo, Mansfield, Northern Grampians, Pyrenees, Southern Grampians, Towong, Wangaratta, Wellington and Wodonga.

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## GUIDED STEPS TO START UP PROGRAM DETAILS

Would you like support and guidance to plan, build, and launch a successful social enterprise in your rural community?

From March – May 2021 ACRE will offer up to 15 participants the opportunity to join **Steps to Startup**, a program that incorporates self-guided e-learning, backed up by virtual coaching sessions.

Over the course of 10 weeks, ACRE will work with you to establish goals and a vision for your social enterprise concept, and explore how you can apply what you learn to establish or develop a viable enterprise.

## THE STEPS TO START UP PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE:

- Virtually facilitated group planning session
- Individual learning through eight Steps to Start Up e-modules
- Three x 45 minute virtual group coaching sessions. Join with people from rural communities to share insights and learnings, explore questions and identify actions to apply to social enterprise ideas
- Weekly *Open Door* - an optional extra support
- Review your idea and discuss the next steps

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## QUESTIONS?

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If you would like to learn more about the social enterprise movement join Social Shifters.

[Social Shifters](#) - an international network of people committed to social and environmental change – local leaders, innovators, idealists, and entrepreneurs. This online platform provides members with the opportunity to connect with a global community of social entrepreneurs.