**Union of Welsh Independents**

**Innovation and Investment Programme**

**2025**

**Objective:**

To motivate churches to create new projects that will enable them to invest in bold and innovative mission in their communities and areas.

**Financial Sponsorship:**

The Union offers **funding of up to £10,000 per annum, for up to three years** to churches whose applications meet the conditions of the programme.

**Conditions:**

The churches are expected to be members of the Union.

With any application, copies of the churches' Financial Reports over the previous two years should be included, together with a record of the church meeting's decision to implement the project and its commitment to it.

Churches cannot apply for funding for more than one project at a time.

The programme is not intended to meet the financial shortfalls of any current activity.

Although it is not a source of funding for building maintenance or for the purchase of equipment specifically, yet the funding can be used to modify a building or purchase equipment if this is indispensable to the project.

It is expected that steps will be taken to ensure the sustainability of the project.

**Adjudication:**

Applications are adjudicated by the Adjudication Panel, at the end of April and September.

The funding is based on the original application that should not be changed in any way without the prior permission of the adjudication panel.

The funding is apportioned annually, subject to receiving a full report detailing the activity, development, and sustainability of the project.