

# BELHAVEN SURF CENTRE

## APPLICANT

Belhaven Surf Centre Ltd.

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## TOTAL PROJECT COST

£145,378

£87,226.80

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£58,151.20

Match Funding

## PROJECT AIMS

- Provide Scotland's first surf performance facility.
- Increase general participation in surfing and coastal watersports to the general public and bring about the associated health benefits.
- Build a centre that increases the opportunity for more people to receive beach and coastal safety education.
- Provide a leading tourism attraction in adventure sports for East Lothian.

## PROJECT DETAIL

Belhaven Surf Centre Ltd is a non-profit social enterprise set up by Coast to Coast Surf School Ltd in order to build and manage a new surfing centre. Coast to Coast Surf School Ltd has been in business since 2004 teaching surfing in East Lothian and all over Scotland. The company is Scotland's biggest surf school. The organization has achieved an increase in watersport numbers, with large numbers of surfers, kayakers, wake boarders and many more regularly travelling to Dunbar making it one of the most popular areas for watersports in Scotland. Coast to Coast could therefore see a clear need for a Surf Centre which would provide the company's first changing facilities, showers and office space.

Belhaven Surf Centre will be the first ever purpose built building for surf sports development in Scotland. It will be an accessible, multi-purpose facility which will benefit all levels of surfing and remove barriers to the sport for inclusive and disabled groups. In addition to the changing rooms, showers and office spaces the Surf Centre will provide meeting and education rooms that will enable safety education, outdoor learning and adventure tourism to be taught, as well as storage. The building also offers the potential to extend the surfing season to be year round.

Coast to Coast work with organizations such as The Princess Trust and The Wave Project to support the development of physical or mentally disabled children and young people through surfing lessons. The centre will also provide a space to encourage more juniors and adults to learn about coastal and surf safety, and be a key venue to access safety equipment.

This project promotes adventure tourism and outdoor recreation as well as providing a focal point for adventure sports in East Lothian and the surf community at large with added positive economic effect for the area. This project extends the legacy created by Coast to Coast Surf School in the community, but also allows them to become more inclusive and allow more people to experience the outdoors, improve health and have fun.



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