Social investment is the use of money to achieve both a social and financial return, and is an increasingly popular funding option for charities. CAF Venturesome is the innovative social investment arm of Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) and one of the most established and active providers in the social investment market. Since 2002, we have made over 500 social investments totalling more than £40m. This has been made entirely possible through the generous contributions of individual supporters, as well as charitable foundations and grantmaking trusts.

Our social investments help charities and social enterprises not just survive, but thrive and become stronger. We help make them more resilient for sustainable long-term growth. The charitable contributions made to CAF Venturesome are repayable but do carry a risk. We can help you support causes you’re passionate about so whatever your charitable aims, we would love to talk to you.

“What CAF Venturesome offers social investors

- **Wider impact** – as a social investment loan is repaid, the money is recycled into a new loan to support other charities and social enterprises.
- **Choice** – our Development Fund allows funders to choose the charitable themes they would like to support.
- **Proven track record** – we have been connecting charities and social enterprises with philanthropic capital for over 15 years.
- **Peace of mind** – our expert due diligence ensures we take a pragmatic, risk based approach, whilst lending to organisations that deliver clear social impact.

“Back in 2002, CAF Venturesome came up with the novel idea that you could lend money to charities on a considered basis in a portfolio. Rather than giving a pound away once, you could multiply your giving and make that pound work five, six, seven, eight times.”

Sir Harvey McGrath, Chair of Big Society Capital and supporter of CAF Venturesome

“As a successor of a CAF Charitable Trust, I wanted to ensure that any contribution would reflect the individual’s philanthropic wishes. I welcomed the opportunity to support CAF Venturesome social investment funds, given the breadth of the small charitable organisations supported, and the social impact delivered.”

Nicholas Evens, Successor of a CAF Charitable Trust
Take your philanthropy further with CAF Venturesome

Our funders pay no management fee. We charge our borrowers an affordable interest rate on our loans that contributes to our operating costs.

Your contribution can be made as a social investment, an at-risk contribution in the form of a loan. This allows charitable funds to be invested through your CAF Charitable Trust, to a variety of charities and social enterprises, during a six year term. If you are interested in gifting a contribution or leaving a legacy, please talk to us.

Sometimes the charitable organisations we support are unable to repay us, which means we expect to lose some capital on some contributions.

Books Beyond Words provides picture books, a network of book clubs and training programmes to help individuals with learning difficulties navigate difficult issues. CAF Venturesome supported the charity with a £60,000 unsecured loan, to help fund the next stage of the organisation’s expansion.

“This loan shows a confidence in us. CAF Venturesome listened to our story and has seen that we are an organisation ready to expand. It gives us great hope to be able to support many more people with learning disabilities.”
Baroness Sheila Hollins, Founder, Books Beyond Words

PEAS exists to create a world where all children enjoy an education that unlocks their full potential. CAF Venturesome made a loan of £240,000, enabling them to sustain and grow their impact in sub-Saharan Africa, beyond their current 14,000 students to 25,000 by 2019.

“This support from CAF Venturesome protects our cash position through a period of uncertain funding. It will allow PEAS to make long-term investment decisions which in turn will ensure our ability to grow our impact further in the coming years.”
John Rendel, Founder/CEO, PEAS

Interested in becoming a social investor? Talk to us today.
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