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Impact55 is back, reaffirming our commitment to supporting initiatives that deliver positive environmental and social impact.

What is Impact55?

Impact55 has been designed to support start-ups who are using technology to create a positive social or environmental change.

Successful start-ups will receive legal support from HCR to help them on the next stage of their journey. The awards are:

- **£25,000** of support to the overall winner
- **£10,000** of support to up to three additional start-ups.



To enter the programme, applicants must:

- be a company registered in England and Wales and have your registered office (or principal place of business) in East Anglia, the South West and the West Midlands
- have raised or be seeking to raise external capital funding from pre-seed to Series A (inclusive) or secured grant funding
- be an impact start-up, creating change relating to at least one of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (full details of which can be found here



Key dates

15 September 2026	Applications open
27 November 2026	Applications close
15 December 2026	Finalists notified
10 & 11 February 2027	Pitching events
2 March 2027	Winners announced



Supporting innovation and making our own impact

Our value extends beyond the headline figures. Successful entrants to the Impact55 programme will not only be supported with expert legal advice but will benefit from our knowledge and connections. Our lawyers help businesses to realise their potential, often supporting them through multiple phases of growth. We regularly work with high growth start-ups and innovative businesses and pride ourselves on developing long standing relationships with our clients.

We're embedded in the local technology and innovation ecosystems across East Anglia, the West Midlands and the South West, supporting ambitious businesses throughout these regions. And it's not all about business, we've raised over £1.5 million for charitable causes in our communities.



How can you get involved?

Shortlisted businesses will be invited to pitch to our panel which will include lawyers from HCR. As well as experts in early stage and high growth businesses.



Do you know a business which might be eligible?

Applying for Impact55 is simple.

Visit www.hcrlaw.com/impact55 and complete the short online application form. You will also need to upload a three-minute video to demonstrate how you meet the impact criteria. Applications must be received by 8pm on 16th November 2026.



Need more information?

If you have any questions about the application process, please email impact55@hcrlaw.com

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