



## Survey of applicants to NCGE Flying Start Women's Programme

The results of a survey of female students and graduates interested in starting their own business are now available. Please view the results [here](#).

The survey was designed in collaboration with officials from the Department for Business, Enterprise & Regulatory Reform (BERR) and the Regional Development Agencies (RDAs) and was completed by 700 of the 1,145 applicants who applied for the [Flying Start \(FS\) Programme for Women Entrepreneurs](#). The Programme for was open to female student and graduate entrepreneurs and commenced with a 3 day residential programme in York from 7-9 January 2008.

Flying Start Programmes normally receive around two to three applications for every place on a programme, and the large number of applications received for the Women's Programme demonstrates both the huge interest and untapped demand amongst female graduate entrepreneurs.

The 60 participants who attended the Programme represented 47 different universities. The [feedback](#) they provided on the Programme makes interesting reading and demonstrates that Flying Start is meeting the needs of those attending.

In response to this huge demand the NCGE has already agreed with [Yorkshire Forward](#) to run another specialist programme for women, and is in discussion with two other RDAs about how the NCGE can assist women in these regions.

Notes:

### The **National Council for Graduate Entrepreneurship (NCGE)**

<http://ncge.com/> was established in 2004 as the national focal point for graduate entrepreneurship. The Council, which is based in Birmingham, is not only focused on graduates starting businesses, but understanding, developing and promoting a culture of entrepreneurship within Higher Education through research, education and facilitation.

**Flying Start** is one of the NCGE's major initiatives. It consists of 1 day Rallies held in the regions, 12 month FS Programmes which includes a 3 day residential course, all underpinned by an online support system. Currently there are almost 8,000 students and graduates registered for [Flying Start Online](#).