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After this workshop...

We hope you'll...

- Understand the concept of "purpose-driven business" and why it matters.
- Learn how B Corp Certification provides a framework to support and measure purpose.
- Identify actionable ways to embed purpose into your daily business.



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Intrepid Travel is the global leader in sustainable experience rich travel. We operate trips in 130 countries

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The API-first payments platform for travel. Built by experts to simplify your financial operations and unlock new growth.





We are a collective of B Corp travel companies that practise, prove and promote travel and tourism that benefits all



















































































Why we need purpose in travel

Problem:

Travel and tourism too often damage our natural world and exploit host communities.

As an industry, we're undermining our own future.



Belief:

We believe that together it's possible to imagine, design and scale a travel industry that benefits everyone, including generations to come.







The British Academy defines the purpose of business is to:

"solve the problems of people and planet profitably and not profit from causing problems"

The most successful brands and businesses in the world solve a problem – something all businesses can do.





B Corp Impact areas



Purpose & Stakeholder Governance



Fair Work



Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion



Human Rights



Climate Action



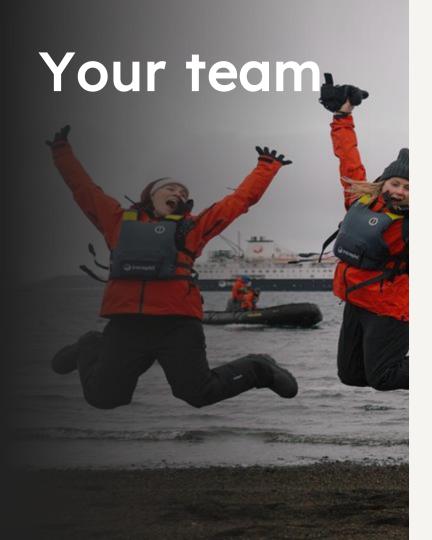
Environmental Stewardship & Circularity



Government Affairs & Collective Action







98% of employees surveyed at Certified B Corps are highly satisfied with their workplace, compared to 74% of employees across the UK

Purpose-driven businesses are magnets for talent. 50% of B Corps reported that certification helped them attract and retain talent

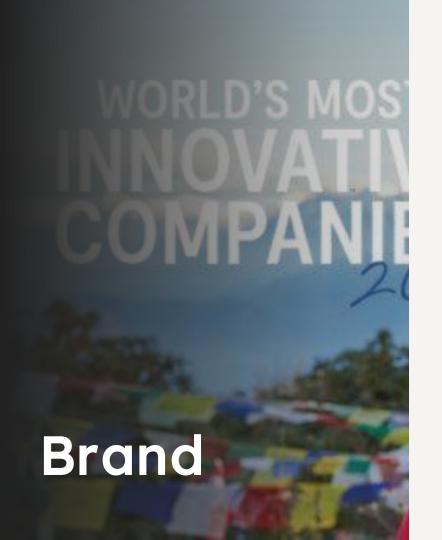




UK B Corp SMEs achieved an average annual turnover growth of 24% between 2017 and 2019, significantly higher than the 3% average for all SMEs

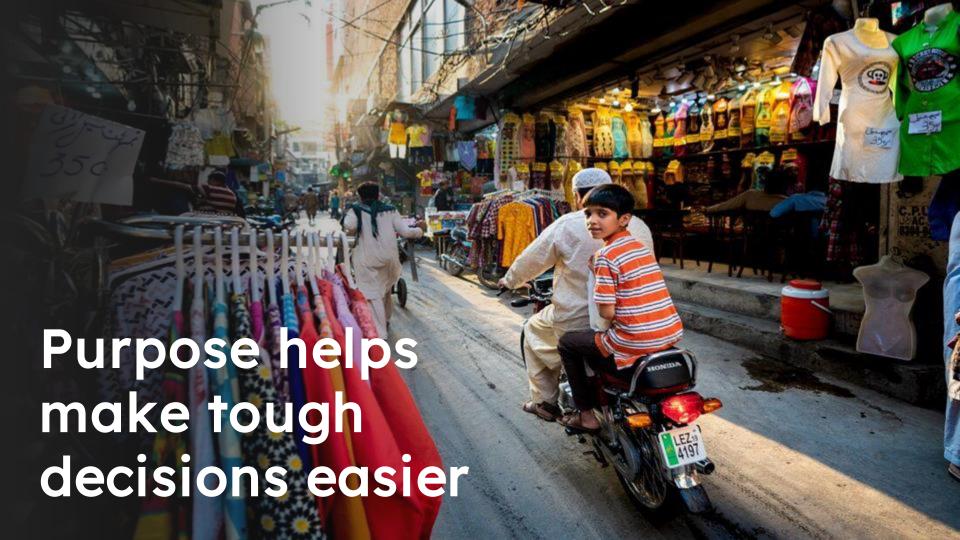
56% of investors plan to increase their allocations to ESG-oriented investments in 2024





69% of people aware of B Corp Certification said it positively affected their purchasing decisions

Consumers are four times more likely to purchase from businesses they believe have a strong purpose



Purpose in decision-making

1. Strategic direction 2. Product development 3. Resource allocation







4. Culture & Leadership 5. Stakeholder engagement 6. Crisis response









How purpose shapes action

1. Strategic Direction – Your company sees huge benefits financially from sending people to high-demand destinations. More trips = lots more money. The local people are starting to get angry, however.

How should a travel company balance profit potential in high-demand destinations with the need to support sustainable, less-trafficked regions?

2. Culture & leadership – A travel firm promotes leaders based purely on revenue performance.

What behaviours do we reward in our leadership—and do they reflect the values we claim to stand for?

3. Product development – A successful company sells luxury package 'bucket list' holidays. It wants to grow and expand its reach more widely in the market.

Whose needs are we prioritizing when we design travel experiences—and who might we be excluding without realizing it?

4. Stakeholder engagement – the main consideration in supplier contracts for one operator is to get the cheapest price, regardless of what this might mean for wages or contribution to local heritage.

How do we ensure our partnerships with local communities are mutually beneficial, not just extractive?

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- You can find out more about B Corp by visiting https://www.bcorporation.net/en-us/



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