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Since starting up in business for himself Donald Macrury has found there aren't enough hours in the day. With the help of a £4000 loan and a £1000 grant from the Prince's Scottish Youth Business Trust, Donald set up in business as an Electrician in June 2005. Since then his business has grown from strength to strength and at the moment he has enough work to keep him going until May.

Donald served his apprenticeship with Angus Morrison where he gained a large range of experience. A knee injury forced him to take time out from work so he decided to study towards an HNC in Electrical Engineering at Lews Castle College. As he neared the end of his studies, Donald decided the time was right to look into starting his own business and it was then that he approached PSYBT for assistance. They helped him with his business plan and applying for funding to buy a van, a computer and various equipment

Donald's business is based from his home in Borge, Lewis. He carries out a range of electrical work for construction companies such as West Coast Builders, ADM Construction and Hebridean Construction as well for private individuals.

Although kept very busy, Donald likes to give something back and has provided a work placement for a young College NQ Electrical Engineering student, Murdo Macphail for two days a week over the last 9 weeks. He has also coached the Ness U-18 football team and currently trains three nights a week as a player for the Ness Football Club. Donald has also agreed to talk about his experiences of starting and running his own business at the forthcoming PSYBT Annual Review and to school pupils at the Nicolson Institute Enterprise Gateway Conference in March.

When asked if his knee injury still gives him problems he says "Sometimes. When I've spent two days up someone's loft it can give me a bit of trouble. I'm not complaining though I have no regrets about starting my own business." Would he recommend that other young people approach PSYBT for help in starting their own business? "Definitely, they helped smooth the way, and they're still there for me whenever I need them".

**PSYBT in the Western Isles offers start-up funding and advice to young people aged between 18 and 30, with a business idea of their own. For further information contact: Jane Campbell, PSYBT Regional Manager, Business Advantage, Town Hall, Stornoway, on 01851 707475.**



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