## <u>e-Volve Business Centre, Sunderland Software Centre and Washington Business Centre Company</u> <u>overview</u>

The following is a snapshot of a small number of companies each with a brief overview from each of the centres to demonstrate the diversity and breadth of the companies and the centres themselves.

## **Sunderland Software Centre Company profiles**

Has a range of software related companies, including games developers, marketing and consultancy, web developers and research and development.

**Coatsink** – Founded in 2009 by Tom Beadsmore, Coatsink is a games development company, producing games for personal computer, virtual reality console and mobile platforms. They employ over 35 staff and have expanded into larger accommodation within the centre. They have been in the centre since 2014.

**Creo** – Founded by Louise Bradford. Creo are a 'refreshingly different communications agency' who provide marketing, PR, Creative, digital, social media, Events and media buying. They have been in the Software Centre since 2014.

**Consult and Design** – Founded by David Van de Velde. Consult and Design, specialises in using Drupal, an innovative, open-source web development platform for online content and user communities, and also works with other technology-based businesses in the area to share best practice and promote the advantages of Drupal technology. They have been in the Software Centre since 2014.

**Frontier Technical** - Founded by Trevor Hardcastle. Frontier Technical is a research and development company looking into offshore energy production. They have been in the Software centre since 2015.

**New World Designs** – Founded in 1998 by Ian Wright, New World Designs is a creative and free thinking media company, it provides a wide range of media services as well as developing high end web development and mobile applications. They have been in the Software Centre since 2015.

## **Washington Business Centre**

Has a range of tenants including printers, engineers, environmental consultants, training providers, marketing, recruitment and management consultancy.

**BPP** – Founded in 2014 by Richard Greensmith. BPP is a company specialising in bespoke visual performance management tools for improved decision making, communication and results. Working with major companies within the UK. They have been in Washington Business Centre since 2014.

**Big Solar** – The managing director is Neil Spann. Big Solar is a company who have are developing an innovative photovoltaic (PV) material, which is cheaper, thinner and more versatile than current PV

materials. They came into the centre in 2015 and have continued to grow both in staff and taking up more space.

**Small Feet Energy** – Founded by Robert Algie. Small Feet Energy specialise in techno-economic and management consultancy services for the energy sector. They have been in the centre since 2014.

**Cirrus Environmental** – Founded by Rachel Bowman and Stuart Hovvels. Cirrus Environmental consultants offering complete workplace, environmental, occupational hygiene and emission monitoring services, and asbestos management.

**Alliance Tools** - Founded by Graham Curry and Jim Soulsby, Alliance Tools are approved technical distributors of many leading cutting tool brands. They provide quality service and technical support to manufacturing companies from all sectors of the engineering industry.

## e-Volve Business Centre

A range of technology businesses including Web design, games developers, ICT consultancy, cloud based telephony provision and Specialist publishers.

**Remember Media** – Founded by Chris March. Remember Media is a niche publishing, content and design business. Remember Media publications include regular magazines, commemorative coffeetable books as well as sumptuously-designed magazines produced to showcase luxury businesses. They also create online content and copywriting for email newsletters and websites. They have been in e-Volve business centre since early 2016.

**ATEB IT Solutions** – Founded by David Anderson they are a consultancy providing solutions for document creation problems, through the provision of software that allows processes to be fully automated. They have been in e-Volve business centre since August 2012.

**PCI Services** – Founded by Joe Olabode, PCI Services provide bespoke technological solutions, allowing organisations to benefit from the business-changing potential of new technology. They have been in e-Volve business centre since February 2007.

**Coconut Lizard** – Founded by Robert Troughton, Coconut Lizard provide expert development support to video games development companies. They have been in e-Volve business centre since January 2016.

**Inflo** – Founded by Mark Edmunson and Graham Clark, Inflo was founded in January 2016 with the goal of making innovative cloud based software accessible to all in the accounting profession. They have been in e-Volve business centre since January 2016.