

Nottinghamshire UK Community Renewal Fund – Project Summaries

East Midlands Accelerator - East Midlands Chamber of Commerce

The delivery of an innovative new collaborative model uniting the region's universities, local authorities and specialist sector business support organisations to strengthen the business eco-system. It will help places, people and businesses to recover from the pandemic, support new entrepreneurship and growth sectors and assist people to secure permanent jobs.

The primary focuses primarily on business growth and development, focusing on the particular challenges of and opportunities within the respective areas, supporting business de-carbonisation, digital developments, business start-up / scale up opportunities, access to finance and enhanced kickstart employment opportunities.

The project will operate across all three district priority areas, working closely with the wide business support network and the Growth Hub in particular, with the following outputs to be achieved:

- 200 businesses committed towards net-zero operations and supply chain targets
- 50 students with new skills and knowledge to support Sustainability Audits in business
- 150 new e-commerce business websites / online bookable platforms launched
- Increased real time data about visitor behaviour, interest and knowledge
- Enhanced Digital skills in the North Nottinghamshire region
- 50 new businesses launched
- An additional 200 employers accessing the Kickstart scheme and developing young people's employability skills
- 30 individuals with digital, customer care or management skills
- Improved confidence, self-esteem, and purpose of the local potential workforce
- 280 new jobs

Good Work - South Yorkshire Housing Association

Supporting people who experience multiple barriers to employment, including poor mental and physical health and disabilities to find and sustain work. Working with partners, Good Work will deliver intensive job coaching and wellbeing support, drawing on the successful delivery of the 'place then train' programmes, including Working Win, a health-led employment trial.

The project will operate across all three district areas, but with a marginally increased focus on the Bassetlaw district area, aligning activity closely with existing programmes and partners operating across the area with the following outputs to be achieved:

- Offering support to a minimum of 200 people, 120 of whom will be workless adults with complex health conditions, disabilities or low well-being into work, and a further 80 people who are employed but who are struggling in work due to their health, wellbeing or disability

Newstart – Groundwork Greater Nottingham

Newstart will support economic growth that levels up opportunity, trialling and evaluating a new delivery model based on a wage-subsidy employment programme which will target those facing significant personal barriers; invest in local business capacity to aid their Covid-19 recovery and invest in employability skills.

The project will operate across all three district priority areas, again aligning activity closely with existing programmes and partners operating across the area with the following outputs to be achieved:

- 50 people in education/training following support
- 50 people gaining a qualification following support
- 15 people engaged in job searching following support
- 35 people engaged in life skills support following interventions
- 15 economically inactive individuals engaged with benefits system following support
- 100 supported businesses offering employment opportunities
- 75 businesses making de-carbonisation pledges as a result of support

Volunteer it Yourself - VIY CiC

Focused on young people aged 16-24, VIY will develop learning and vocational trade skills whilst helping to renovate valued community buildings, places and venues in need of improvement. Mentored by on-the-job professionals, they will gain a qualification and progress into employment and further higher-level training via local construction sector employers.

The project will operate across all three district priority areas, working closely with community projects and local authority opportunities with the following outputs to be achieved:

- 540 young people participating in the programme
- 18 valued community buildings and facilities renovated/improved for the benefit of the wider community
- 320 young people gaining the Entry Level 3 City & Guilds construction skills qualification
- 270 participants better prepared for the labour market
- 130 young people progressing to an apprenticeship or other employment or further/higher-level training opportunity beyond the end of the project
- 6 large and 12 small and medium sized construction companies engaged on the programme
- 12 voluntary sector and 12 public sector organisations engaged in the programme