

External Evaluator

Community Boost Central – Good Growth Pilot

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The Community Boost - Central programme, is funded by the UK Government through the UK Community Renewal Fund and supported by the South Yorkshire Combined Mayoral Authority. An exciting range of projects is on offer to help boost the growth of good employment and ensure local people access it.

Community Boost - Central includes lots of different projects and activities in the central area of Barnsley (which covers the council wards of Central, Dodworth, Kingstone, Stairfoot and Worsbrough) and everyone is welcome to get involved. The project will work closely with local people, businesses and a variety of organisations while supporting our vision for Barnsley - the place of possibilities.

The Community Boost - Central project follows our successful bid to the government's UK Community Renewal Fund and if the project proves successful, we hope to roll it out across the borough. The Community Boost team have set up a webpage at Barnsley.gov.uk/CommunityBoost where you can see a summary of all the projects on offer as well as how to get in touch if you'd like more information or to get involved.

So, what is Brightbox's contribution?

We're partnering with Dodworth and Worsbrough Libraries, 10 community organisations and 6 young people (16 – 25 years old) to complete a makerspace feasibility study.

The students will be 'Makers-in-Residence' at the local libraries. With the support of 50 people working across community, creative and digital industries, we will train the Makers-in-Residence how to co-create public programming with the library staff and community. They'll facilitate their own sessions and even support with marketing, health and safety and purchasing.

Library staff will learn about makerspaces, community building and working with youth. Through their training, libraries will be able to sustain a hyperlocal makerspace in their library beyond the programme.

Community groups will be supported to conduct feedback sessions exploring how libraries can better connect with communities. Their expertise will feed into the makerspace programming developed by Makers-in-Residence.

The role of the External Evaluator

We're a small team and this is our largest and most complex project to date. We want to make sure we thoroughly assess the programme to ensure we're doing all we can to support our communities.

The External Evaluator will conduct an independent assessment of the programme, ensuring we meet our targets for our stakeholders and communities and identify any additional learning areas in line with our values and aspirations for the programme. They will support continuous improvement and effective decision-making by communicating their findings with our senior management team.



Deliverables

At a minimum, we require the following deliverables:

- Ongoing communication with the Brightbox team
- Midpoint review and recommendations for programme adjustments
- End of project review including successes, learnings and recommendations for adapting or changing the programme

Who we're looking for:

When assessing proposals, we will use the following metrics to decide who to partner with:

- Individual or group of individuals with lived experience
- Understanding of systemic racism in accessing careers for Black and Brown people
- Understanding of barriers faced by marginalised genders and people from working class backgrounds when accessing careers
- Understanding or experience of evidence-based employability and skills training programmes for people not in education, employment or training
- Experience evaluating statutory commissioned projects
- Experience cumulating learnings to feedback to senior level decision makers
- Experience working any of the following:
 - grassroots community organisations,
 - youth groups and clubs,
 - libraries,
 - council employability skills and culture or
 - digital technology, engineering, emerging technologies industries

Terms of appointment

As part of a government funded programme, you will be required to follow these terms and conditions as set out by the Government.

Timeline

This project ends and must have all deliverables by 30 June 2022.

Workshops began in January 2022. Preference will be given to applicants who meet all criteria and can begin as soon as possible.

Budget

The total budget for this portion of the project is £10,000.

We will consider individuals, groups and organisations to support evaluation.

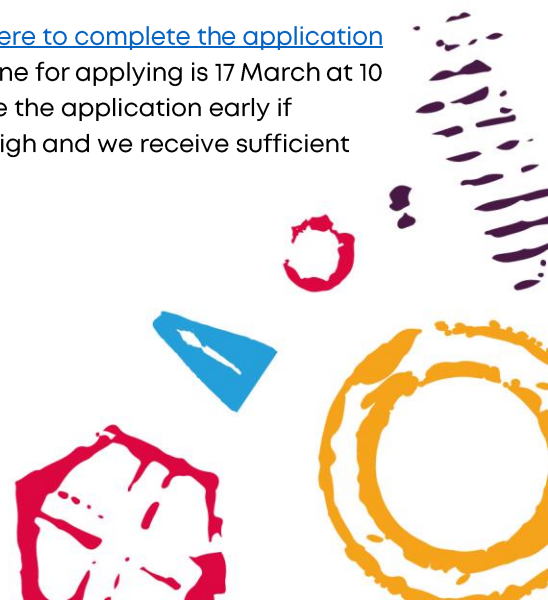
Location

Meetings will usually be held at Brightbox's offices in Barnsley DMC or at other central locations in Barnsley. Virtual meetings and phone calls are also acceptable.

There may be a requirement to attend sessions at Dodworth and Worsbrough libraries on occasion.

Interested? Here's how to apply:

To apply, [click here to complete the application form](#). The deadline for applying is 17 March at 10 am. We will close the application early if demand is too high and we receive sufficient applications.



Please be sure to include a proposal attachment so we can understand how you approach the brief.

We hope to decide on a delivery partner by 21 March.

We offer feedback to all applicants after a recruitment decision has been made. Please respond to our decision email if you would like feedback.

Questions

If you require more information or would like to talk to someone in our team, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Kisha:

Email: Kristie@brightbox.org.uk

Phone/text: 07862 277181

Co-creators

This project is funded by the UK Government through the UK Community Renewal Fund and supported by the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority.

The UK Community Renewal Fund is a UK Government programme for 2021/22. This aims to support people and communities most in need across the UK to pilot programmes and new approaches to prepare for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. It invests in skills, community and place, local business, and supporting people into employment. For more information, visit

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-community-renewal-fund-prospectus>



Who we are

Our Vision

Imagine a world where people of all genders and from Black, Brown and working-class communities are included in decision making. A future where lived experience is valued, and power is not given to individuals but is shared by communities through resources and equitable opportunity. That's our vision. And we believe creating makerspaces in every community can take us there.

What we do:

We create community-led makerspaces - places where communities can meet role models, access technology and learning resources and can make informed decisions about career opportunities.

How we do it:

We work alongside community and public services to design makerspaces where people can access role models and co-design programmes to support aspirations.

Our Values

Inclusive

Everyone deserves access to role models and career opportunities, no matter their gender, race, or background. We value lived experience and make sure that everyone has a voice in everything we do.

Playful

We take risks, make bold decisions, and have fun doing it. There's no question too silly for us. We're human first and should enjoy what we do.

Transparent

We openly share our challenges, barriers, successes, and failures. Everyone makes mistakes, and when that happens, we share our learning and make sure we do it better next time. For co-creation to work, everyone involved needs to be open and honest.

Everyone is a learner

We're all learners and educators. Everyone has something to contribute; expertise and experience that should be valued.

Integrity

We hold tight to our values, while still creating and welcoming discussion to help us improve our understanding and become better.

When communicating, be guided by the Brightbox brand, messaging, media channels and outreach plan.

