

Rise Impact Report

2020-2021

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CONSTRUCTION FRAMEWORK



Introduction

Welcome to our Annual Report for 2020-21 during what has been an extremely challenging year for our clients, suppliers and ourselves.

This year has seen us deliver a variety of activities through one of the most difficult times we have had, I have also overseen our growth and development starting the year as Construction Impact Framework (CIF) and ending it as Rise Construction Framework (Rise).

At Rise we believe tackling poverty and deprivation sits at the heart of making communities safer, stronger, healthier and economically active.

This report aims to show what we have achieved in the midst of a global pandemic that brought the global economy to a standstill whilst disproportionately affecting our poorest communities.

> *2020 started with a shared sense of fear felt by the entire country both personally and professionally. To have achieved business growth whilst doubling down on our values to support some of our most vulnerable communities is something our team here at Rise are extremely proud of.*

Sara Lawton- Founding Director

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Section 1

Rise has a social mission of tackling deprivation and poverty.

Section 1 demonstrates how we achieve this by re-investing public sector money into initiatives that make communities safer, stronger, healthier and economically active.

Rise investments are in addition to social value delivered by our supply partners.

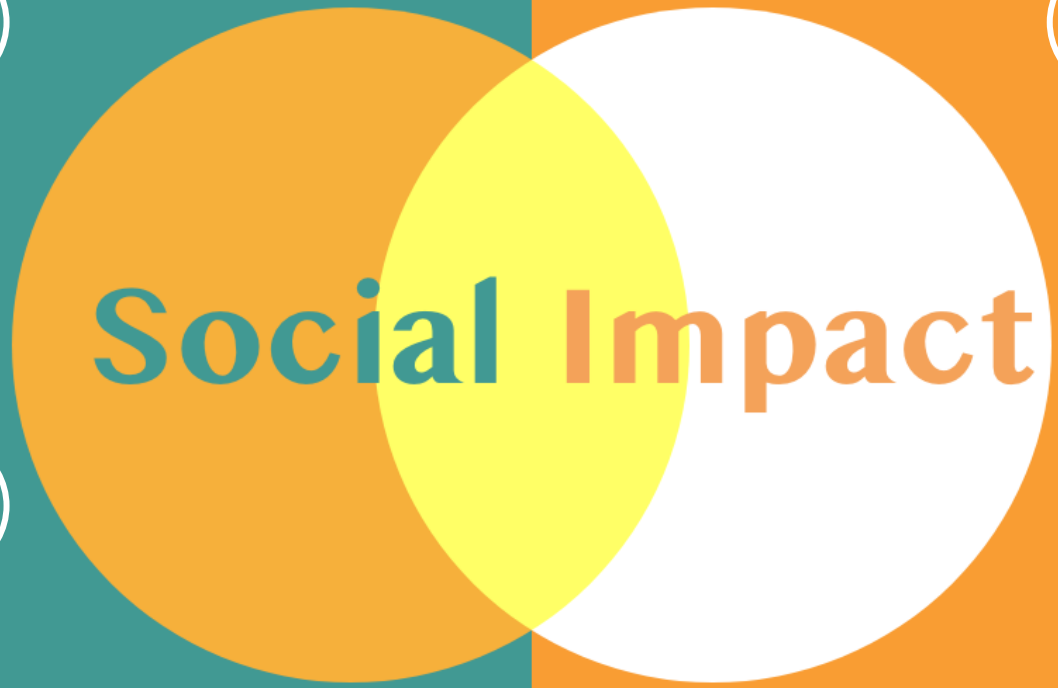
Our investments make public-sector money work harder and enable us to fund social innovation that impacts across the communities our public-sector partners serve.



Rise Social Investments

Projects Supported
16

Beneficiaries
966



Social Return On Investment
£14.42 per £1 invested

Social Investment Value
£103,000

Overall Social Return on Investment **£1.5M**

Rise Social Investments

This year we have invested £103,000 into a variety of projects across the North West benefiting over 900 Individuals across the Region these include:

- SafeNet – Domestic Violence Specialist Crèche Worker
- NHS Procurement Apprenticeship
- Thrive Care Leaver Careers Hub
- Children in Read Sponsorship
- The Walton Centre – Family Emergency Facilities
- COVID 19 Emergency Support



Established in 1976, SafeNet is a Domestic Abuse (DA) charity delivering support to victims/survivors across the North West. The organisation gives support to victims/ survivors of DA through 24-hour refuge provision, therapeutic support, re-settlement support as well as Outreach, IDVA services and education. The service is accessible 365 days a year by adults and children affected by DA with refuges across Lancashire and Greater Manchester.

Our priority project for Preston is our identified need for a dedicated Crèche worker so that women with children can attend specialist DA recovery group work programmes.

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Specialist Creche Worker

Rise Construction Framework Social Investment Fund awarded ***SafeNet*** monies to meet their need to cover the cost of a Crèche Worker post for 12 months August 2019 to July 2020. This enabled provision of a crèche for every group work session ensuring that all individuals at the refuge could attend a variety of support sessions.

- **111 Adults and 93 Children accessed support**
- **93% agreed that coming to the service had made a positive difference in their lives**



Procurement Apprenticeship

Rise Construction Framework committed to fully fund a procurement apprentice at **Northern Care Alliance NHS Group**. Caroline (pictured) is completing a two-year procurement apprenticeship; whilst gaining continuous experience within the Northern Care Alliance procurement team, and is current studying a Level 4 Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (CIPS) qualification.

Many people assume apprentices are teenagers or under the age of 25. I am delighted to have been offered this CIPS apprenticeship provided by Rise, as not only will I receive on the job experience and training for a higher-level certificate, but it will help me become more knowledgeable in procurement and an integral part of the team. Ultimately, I expect to spend the rest of my career in a procurement role as a result of becoming qualified. Thank you so much.

Caroline NHS Apprentice



Founding Thrive

Thrive was founded to support and inspire care experienced young people across Liverpool City Region helping them to secure meaningful employment; Thrive believes employment opportunities are key in enabling young people to live happy, safe and fulfilling lives.

Summer of 2020 saw works begin to transform premises into Thrive ‘coffee shop’ a dedicated space for key workers and the young people they care for. Huge thanks goes to The Regenda Group who kindly provided our city centre premises, Senate Group who supported the refurbishment, John Turner Construction who provided Covid proof screening and D&G Joiners and Builders who provided flooring.

Most of all thanks to our Rise Staff Dan, Elliott, and Sara who gave up their time to help work on preparing the premises for use.







Thrive Careers Hub

Thrive is a dedicated safe space for support workers and young people to meet, build relationships and access job search support.

Thrives purpose is to support socially excluded young people who are furthest away from the job market, many of whom have already encountered significant challenges during their lives.

Young people attending Thrive have access to Wi-Fi, laptops, free hot drinks and refreshments, careers services, interactive workshops and online careers sessions.

Young People aged 18-24 can also attend Thrive as an alternative to their local Job Centre to receive intensive job search support.

Since opening in October 2020 despite two national lockdowns, Thrive has directly engaged with and support over 400 young people over a 7 month period. So far 19 young people have secured meaningful employment through Thrive.



"Since opening our doors Thrive has seen 341 young people accessing one or more of our services. Thrive has been made possible through the University of Liverpool, Liverpool John Moore's University, Liverpool City Council and the City of Liverpool College choosing to procure via Rise. Their decision to buy from a socially driven framework has impacted on the futures of 100's of some of our most vulnerable young people."

Sara Lawton - Director

Case Study - Reece

Reece attended Thrive with his support worker on his 18th birthday in October 2020.

18th birthdays are a milestone where young people leaving care are required to take responsibility for all aspects of their life including finances.

Thrive worked with Reece to build trust. Identifying his dream job, Thrive connected him with a local employer who began to mentor Reece.

In March 2020 Reece was offered a full-time apprenticeship in his dream role as an Electrician.



" They are kind-hearted people in Thrive who are willing to help others have a better start in life – I couldn't have done this without them" - Reece

The Walton Centre- Home From Home





The Walton Centres " Home from Home" facility is an 8 bedded relatives' accommodation unit which allows families of critically ill patients to stay on site while their loved one is being treated at The Walton Centre hospital.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this year has been particularly challenging to raise money with all of their fundraising events cancelled, Rises £10,000 social investment will ensure 167 families are able to stay close by critically ill loved ones within the Home from Home facility.

"Thank you so much for providing this facility so that I could stay over and be near my son during his early recovery from surgery. Hospital experience is very daunting but everyone has been so helpful and supportive. Can't thank you enough. Lovely facility."

Parent, Facility User



Children In Read Sponsorship

Children in Read is a creative fundraising event which involves an annual online auction of books which have been signed and donated by famous authors and illustrators from across the globe. The online auction allows people to filter through a variety of book categories and put an offer in for a book of their choice, the highest bidder wins.



For the third consecutive year Rise supported Children in Reads Annual fundraising event which this year went onto raise **£21,841.**



Covid-19 Emergency Support

In response to the COVID 19 Coronavirus pandemic we formulated and delivered a host of Emergency Support to help those most effected and in need, this included:

- Home baked pies for Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service Officers
- End Food Poverty Drive
- Centre 56
- LCR Cares Fund
- Big Help Project
- Creative Spaces
- PPE Hub Donation



End Food Poverty Drive

Rise are committed to help individuals in need, in the Summer of 2020 we got behind and supported the End Food Poverty drive that was formulated in response to the situation some children found themselves in during the pandemic.

Sara Lawton our Founding Director donated her time to play a key part in helping with coordinating the response and delivery so that children and their families did not go hungry and felt supported during the uncertain times we found ourselves in.



Centre 56 Compliance

Centre 56 aims to provide domestic abuse support for families and children. Providing childcare, information and support for families who have suffered, or are at risk of suffering from, domestic abuse or a crisis.

Rise where happy to allocated £2,500 of funding which was required to make the nursery premises COVID-19 safe enabling them to re-open and support 119 individuals despite the impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

Centre 56



LCR Cares Fund Donation

Rise are proud to have donated towards the LCR Cares Fund campaign which initially had a target to raise £1 million to support community and voluntary organisations on the frontline of helping the city region's communities cope with the impact of Coronavirus.

To date over 250 community groups have benefitted from grants from the LCR Cares fund.

#LCRCares

LCRCares COVID-19 Community Support Fund



The Big Help Project

The Big Help Project is a multi-award-winning national charity with clear aims: to feed the hungry, overcome poverty, to free people from the burden of unmanageable personal debt, to help people into affordable housing, and to assist people on to a better future.

Rise selected the Big Help Project to receive funding which went towards them to continue its charitable activities during the COVID -19 Coronavirus pandemic.



Creative Spaces Activity Packs

Rise funded the purchase of Arts and Educational Learning activity packs for disadvantaged families. Packs were designed by a specialist local Community Interest Company based in the North West.

The Activity packs went directly to 60 Children who benefited from them during coronavirus pandemic lockdown periods.



PPE Hub Donation

Rise completed a variety of initiatives that looked to address the lack of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) available for our key workers as the COVID -19 Pandemic look hold, these included:

- Leading a Covid-19 PPE Drive for NHS via Supply chain engagement to obtain PPE for local NHS trusts to help tackle the Covid-19 PPE shortage.
- A financial donation toward the purchase of materials and equipment to produce PPE for Key workers across the region.
- Volunteering (Ken Ross Pictured) time towards the making and distribution PPE to local groups and individuals in need.



Section 2

This year we have worked with 31 Clients, 36 Suppliers in the delivery of 249 Framework Projects.

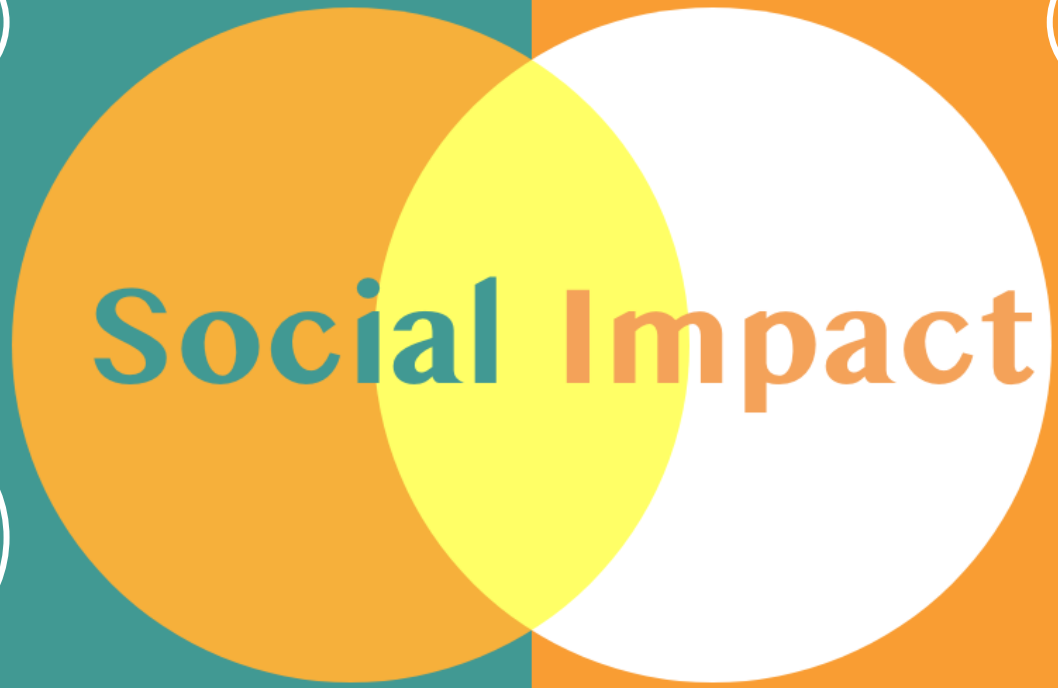
In addition to the Social Impact generated through Rise investment our suppliers also provided additional Social Impact and Charitable activities on behalf of clients and their communities.



Rise Supply Partner Social Value

Job Outcomes Achieved
168

Experience Days Gained
289



Workforce Analysis
56% reside within **10 miles** of project

Learning Hours Accessed
2,279

Social Impact Generated
£1.2m

Rise Supply Partner Social Value Case Study



Pictured Emma and Rob from D&G at the opening of Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Charity Hub

Client Lancashire Teaching Hospital NHS FT

Supplier D&G Builders and Joinery Limited

After being successful in securing a number of Lancashire Teaching Hospital projects through the Rise Framework, D&G carried out works in some of the most difficult circumstances we have faced in recent times. Social Value is at the forefront of their business and they have also supported Lancashire Teaching Hospitals charitable aims which intend to benefit the workforce, patients, local charities, good causes and individuals across the Lancashire area.

Social Impact activities completed include:

- **Renovation works to establish a new Charity office area which now houses 4 staff members, working in a comfortable environment and improving their wellbeing whilst at work.**
- **310 Volunteer Hours donated by staff to create the Charity Office area.**
- **£1,000 donation and the creation of an Easter wish-list which enabled the purchase of toys and treats for children, parents and staff residing in the Royal Preston Paediatric Ward 8.**



Supply Partner Social Value Highlights

- Mersey Design Group have used Blackpool Teaching Hospital NHS capital projects to upskilling a trainee Architectural Technician.
- Rider Levett Bucknall are using a community regeneration scheme to upskill graduates and trainees.
- F Parkinson are running at a 20% apprenticeship level which is above the 5% national average.
- Robertson Construction have employed a local long term unemployed resident on their Chorley Council site.
- Carefoot Construction delivering live site visits to Liverpool City Region Young People..

Section 3

Sections 1 and 2 of our report highlight the impact we have as a framework and the impact delivered by our supply partners.

Here in section 3, we demonstrate the impact of our collective efforts which enables us to amplify our social outcomes - helping to level-up communities.

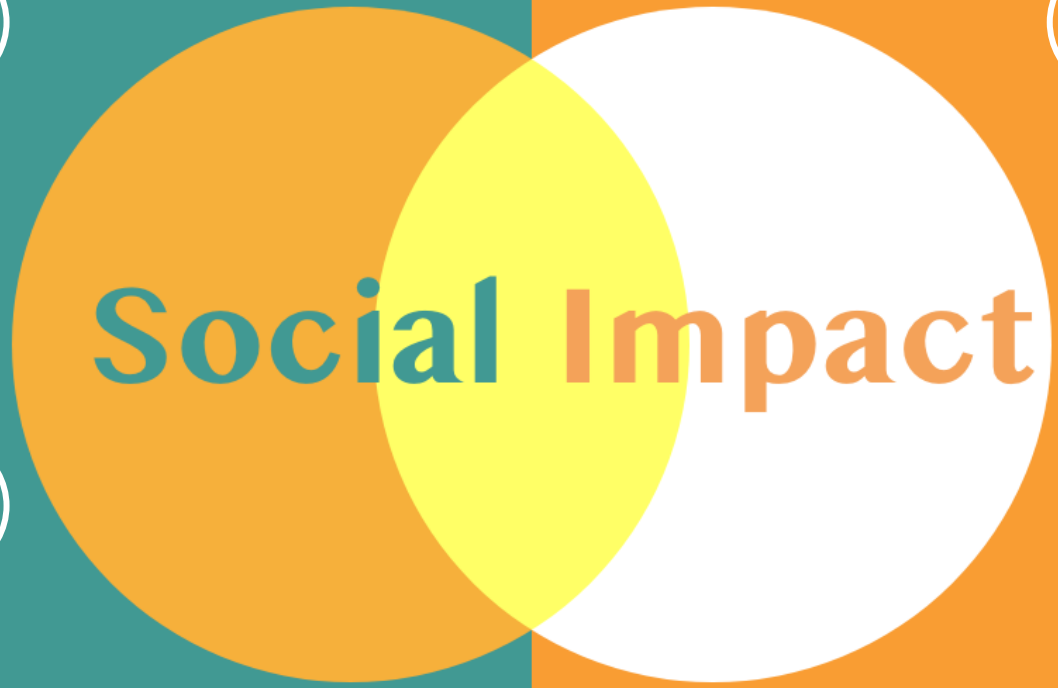
Importantly, our social value report is created independently to ensure we do not over-calculate any social return on investment.



Rise Social Impact

Social Impact Generated
2.7m

Individuals Benefitting
1237



Volunteer Hours Donated
1819

Charitable Contributions Raised **75k**



Social Impact

Rise Projects have been responsible for **£1.2 million** of Social Impact being generated.

Rise Social Investments have been responsible for **£1.5 million** of Social Impact being generated.

2020-21 We delivered a total **£2.7 million** of tangible Social Value for our clients and communities.

Beneficiaries

Over **1,200** individuals have been directly impacted by either the Social Investments we made this year or the Social Value activities our Framework Suppliers deliver on behalf of our Clients and their Communities.

From creating jobs, offering training, giving work experience, creating new spaces and funding community projects to support the most disadvantaged, we are continually making an Impact through the work we do.



Volunteering

The Rise Team have contributed **1442** hours of their free time to help local projects.

Framework Suppliers staff have contributed **367** hours toward Client related social value projects.

A Total of **1819** of volunteer hours donated towards good causes and communities across the Region.



Funds Raised for Charities

Through Rise Construction Framework activities, we have crowd funded, held events, funded activities, waived fees, promoted and enabled charitable activities to take place.

We have raised over **£75,000** for charitable organisations that will go onto benefit many individuals across the North West.





The Final Word

Rise Construction Framework is the UK's only pro-social construction framework.

Our understanding of poverty and its effects on communities sits at the heart of Rise's social economic model.

Investing profits into community prevention and intervention projects makes public-sector money work harder whilst reducing the pressure on public-sector frontline services.

Our latest report demonstrates how we live up to our ethos, delivering innovative and tangible Social Value.

> *As we enter 2021 I am delighted that we have already commenced planning our social investments for the upcoming year which will see us funding more initiatives to help tackle deprivation and poverty to help create thriving communities.*

Sara Lawton- Founding Director

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