

Rise Impact Report

2024

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THE KING'S AWARDS FOR ENTERPRISE
2024
PROMOTING OPPORTUNITY

Introduction

Welcome to our 2023/24 social impact report and what a year we have had a Rise.

It is hard to express the pride we feel after being awarded the King's Award for Enterprise for Promoting Opportunity; just one of eight organisations bestowed with this prestigious award it has been the honour of our lives to meet HRH King Charles and Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer

We are a small team that has combined our heads and hearts to create a social business that supports thousands of people across our communities and we are proud that we began 2024 the same way we ended 2023 – making a difference to people's lives.



"Communities are complex, and these complexities often have a direct impact on public sector resources - when communities are in chaos it is the public sector that pays the price.

During a time when public-sector finances are under pressure Rise is helping to make communities safer, stronger, healthier and economically active by directly funding the VCFSE sector to deliver vital community services. At a time when so many are struggling with the cost-of-living crisis our work has never been so important".

Sara Lawton - Director

Section 1: Our Impact

Rise has a social mission of tackling deprivation and poverty.

Section 1 provides some case studies of how we achieve our mission 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 and we hope you enjoy reading about the difference made across our communities.

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 Community Investment

Community Projects Supported **24**

Beneficiaries **7,846**

Social Impact

2023 - 2024

Volunteer Hours Donated **1,306**

Social Investment Value **£100K**

Social Return On Investment **£20.46 per £1 invested**

Social Impact Generated **£2.05 million**

Blackpool Carers Centre

Blackpool Carers Centre offers personalised specialist support, knowledge and respite for unpaid carers and their families.

Rise awarded Blackpool Carers Centre funding to cover the costs associated with delivering respite sessions for adult carers from across the region.

Weekly activities included film nights, choir, arts and crafts, gardening, yoga and archery. The funding also allowed the charity to organise day trips away from the centre for the carers; including theatre visits, bowling and trips to the Lake District and Yorkshire.

In total, Rise funding supported the delivery of 95 respite sessions. These sessions benefitted over 270 carers who participated in the trips and sessions.



"It seems that once carers have attended Respite Activities, trips, and group sessions, they really understand how important it is for them to look after their own health and well-being and to take some time out for themselves to refresh and recharge."

Pat, Adult Respite Coordinator



Tatton Community Centre

Following the completion of the Tatton Gardens Development procured via Rise and carried out by Robertson Construction; Rise awarded community funding to UDevelop to deliver a 12-month package of support and activities at Tatton Community Centre.

Funding has enabled UDevelop to provide the local people with an opportunity to have their say through community engagement and provide new services that have helped with wellbeing and personal development.

Activities delivered at the centre include digital skills, confidence building, yoga, dancing, walk and talk, menopause café, sewing and singing; with different sessions tailored to all ages.

Over the past 12 months activities funded by Rise and delivered by UDevelop have been accessed by 1,641 individuals.











Tatton Community Centre- Case Study



The below extract was written by Susan a local resident who has accessed services at Tatton:

After my first encounter with UDevelop at a meeting with the council, I reluctantly said I would attend the next drop in. I went and to my surprise I actually enjoyed it. After a couple more drop in's, Caroline spoke to us about doing a walk and talk. The walk and talk at this time was very daunting to me, I was very overweight and struggled with my breathing. The first few times I managed just a circuit of the park but that was it, however 2 laps soon became 3, then 4, my breathing started to get better, and I felt better in myself. It was also a very social event; we talked about all sorts during our walks.

I found myself doing a couple of courses, public health and computer courses, then I wanted to be more involved, I didn't want to just sit and watch, I wanted to be part of whatever was going on. As time went by I found that I wanted to be a voice in our local community. I have become a strong committee member for Tatton Community Centre, a position I would never have dreamed of doing last year. I have taken part in a sewing course, a couple of computer courses, doing both Word and Excel spreadsheets, a mobile phone course, a lifesaving course to name just a few and have helped set up and steer the Green Team at Tatton Gardens. I also have now started to assist the course leaders on digital and maths courses, and support others with travel to the food club on a weekly basis.

Since doing the public health course I have changed my lifestyle. I do the walk and talk on a Thursday and now take control of a second walk on a Monday. I changed my eating and drinking habits and since January alone I have lost 21lbs.

Caroline has shown me a new life is within my reach, a life that I never thought I would achieve last year. I have gained so much from UDevelop, I just hope that I can assist others get there as well.

SafeNet is a Domestic Abuse (DA) charity delivering support to victims/survivors across the Northwest. The organisation gives support to 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 and supports around 30 women and 25 children at any one time, focusing on recovery from abuse and strengthening mother-child relationships.

Specialist Creche Worker

Rise awarded SafeNet funding for a fifth consecutive year to cover the cost of employing a Specialist Crèche Worker. The DA trained creche worker provides individualised support plans for each child and enables mothers to attend recovery programs.

From April 2023 to March 2024, SafeNet supported 57 children and 32 adults. Activities and programs have been tailored to different age groups, helping to build confidence, improve social skills, and strengthen family relationships.

Key outcomes include improved school attendance and attainment, better coping strategies and enhanced confidence. Parent feedback indicates a 100% positive impact on their lives and a strong willingness to recommend SafeNet to others in need.

"I felt safe at the refuge. I have become financially independent. I have the freedom to do what I want and not be controlled by my husband. I have received practical and emotional support from my support worker which has made me stronger"

Refuge User



The Joesph Lappin Centre

Rise awarded The Joseph Lappin Centre to fund a new men's over 50s Walking Football project and contribution towards the continuation of their Memory Café Ukulele sessions.

Walking Football for Men Over 50
The new project aims to help improve physical and emotional well-being, targeting cardiovascular health, diabetes, obesity, strokes and cognitive decline. The sessions, tailored by a specialist coach to suit varying abilities, have been instrumental in building confidence and fostering a supportive community among participants. The program also includes post-game social sessions to encourage camaraderie and connects men to additional support services.

Music Therapy at the Memory Café
Ukulele sessions significantly improved the well-being of dementia patients and their caregivers. Participants, often initially shy and withdrawn, gain confidence, make friends and find joy in the music.

Ukulele Session Participant
“My favourite song we play is 'Little Old Wine Drinker, Me.' My husband was such a fan of Dean Martin. He has passed away now, but the song always brings back lots of memories. It’s nice to sing along with my friend who comes with me.”





Thrive Careers Hub

Thrive was founded by Rise in 2020, looking and feeling like a coffee shop, Thrive is a dedicated safe space for care experienced young people to meet with the adults who care for them whilst accessing specialist wrap around support.

Thrive works with a host of partners across Liverpool City Region to offer a range of support including mental health and wellbeing, one to one advice on housing, finances, legal matters, work experience, mentoring, and bespoke pathways to work to ensure the young people can secure meaningful employment.

At Thrive we believe that all young people have the right to live happy, safe and fulfilling lives.





CHANGING LIVES

THRIVE VISITORS
6,126 overall visits
5,197 young people
929 support workers

JOB SEARCH
Thrive has provided intensive support for **151** young people.

JOB OUTCOMES
165 Thrive members have now secured work

35% of those who have gained employment through Thrive are care experienced

First Person Project

First Person Project CIC is a pioneering social enterprise specialising in providing socially progressive mental health services; operating predominantly across the Liverpool City Region.

Rise investment has so far funded the delivery of over 200 appointments incorporating counselling, coaching and wellbeing support to break down barriers faced by the young people accessing Thrive Careers Hub.

We are so proud that this funding allows young people from across the Liverpool City Region to access support with no long waiting lists, no access barriers and completely free of charge.





Case Study: Ethan

Ethan started his journey with Thrive in October 2023, during this time he has accessed 6 months of 1:2:1 wellbeing support delivered by the First Person Project team. Working with the teams at Thrive and First Person, Ethan has now moved into independent accommodation and started work as a trainee youth worker.



Christmas Care Packs

For Christmas 2023, Rise wanted to support young people living in supported accommodation across Liverpool. Team Rise put together and delivered 65 care packs including essential hygiene products along with treats for over the festive period.

On Christmas Eve morning, the team hand delivered packs to young people living in Powerhouse and Shaw Street supported accommodation. The Powerhouse and Shaw Street both provide temporary supported accommodation to young people between the ages of 16 and 21. Many of the young people living in both Powerhouse and Shaw Street are care-experienced and have been declared homeless. It was important for Rise to support this vulnerable group of individuals as many will spend the holiday period alone.













Men United Against Suicide

Men United Against Suicide Football Club (MUASFC) is a community initiative focused on mental health and wellbeing. The club provides a safe and welcoming space for men of all ages and backgrounds to come together for friendly and competitive football matches.

Rise provided funding to MUASFC to cover the costs of hiring football pitches for 6 months, ensuring the continuation of regular training sessions and matches for individuals who benefit from the service. The funding enabled the delivery of 28 training sessions that were accessed by over 50 individuals.





"MUASFC has a huge impact on mental health and well-being as well as general health and fitness. It is a welcoming and wholesome community. The WhatsApp group and support the whole squad offers are invaluable for adults who may struggle to navigate through the stresses of life. Friendships extend beyond the team and activities and events are planned together. Football is the key to bringing everyone together regardless of the team they support, ethnicity, beliefs or backgrounds. This club has such a huge influence on the community and is changing lives."

Daniel- MUASFC Player

Further community investment

In addition to the projects already mentioned, this year Rise has supported communities by funding:



Walton Vale Community Shop- Healthy Cooking Classes



GYRO- LGBTQ+ youth activities



Pensioners Christmas Lunch Event



Centre 56- Run the Railways



Wigan & Leigh College- Coffee Cart Social Enterprise



City of Liverpool FC- Women's, refugee and 50+ programs



Warrington & Halton NHS- Youth Diabetes Service



Liverpool Homeless Football Club- Women's Program

Section 2:
Supply Partner Impact

This year we have worked with Clients and Suppliers from across the Northwest, North Wales and Yorkshire in the delivery of Framework Projects.

In addition to the Social Impact generated through Rise investment our supply partners also provided project based Social Impact and Charitable activities on behalf of clients and their communities.



Rise Supply Partner Social Value

Workforce on Rise Projects
1,344

Jobs Created or Sustained
275

Charitable Monies Raised
£128K

Volunteer Hours Donated
792



Learning Days Accessed
2,330

Individuals Trained
457

Experience Days Gained
660

Individuals Gaining Work Experience **25**

Social Impact Generated
£13.77 million



Supply Partner Social Value- Employment

1,344 Personnel have undertaken activities to help deliver quality projects for Rise members this year

50 New Job opportunities were created as a result of contracts secured via Rise, contributing directly to regional economy and sustainability of the sector

225 Individuals sustained their employment due to Rise contracts being awarded



Supply Partner Social Value- Training & Education

457 individuals in Rise supply partner workforces have accessed training to improve their skills and knowledge

Over **100+** training programmes or courses have been delivered

2,330 days of learning have been completed

95 individuals who are either Apprentices, Trainees or Graduates have undertaken or contributed to work on framework contracts

25 individuals have gained un-paid work experience on site

A total of **660** experience days being delivered by the supply partners working on contracts



Supply Partner Social Value- Environmental Impact

73% of supply partners adopt a formal Carbon Reducing Environmental commitments

62% of construction fleet are Euro6/LEV/ULEZ compliant

31% of supply partner workforce use greener forms of transport to travel to and from work

Supply Partner Added Social Value

Rise supply partners have actively participated in numerous activities, significantly benefiting clients and communities, including:

- **Donations**: Goods were donated to Ribble Valley Foodbank, chocolates to Wigan Hospital children's ward, safety footwear to “Volunteer It Yourself” in Salford, and selection boxes and sweets to children's wards.
- **Healthcare Support**: Conversion of a house to provide non-clinical services, staff well-being enhancements to staff areas, decorating corridors and designing a hospital memorial garden.
- **Educational Initiatives**: Careers support through the LCR Careers Hub, careers events at Deyes High School and Tameside College, mock interview sessions at Maricourt Catholic High School, promoting the construction industry at various schools, and supporting a coffee cart and outdoor seating for catering students.
- **Community Projects**: Creation of a Sensory Garden at Astley Mining Museum, supporting Inspire Youth Zone Mentoring, garden makeovers, and organising an art museum project for local schools.
- **Fundraising & Sponsorships**: Charity walks, "March the Month" for Prostate Cancer, various raffles raising funds for Lighthouse Charity and Galloways Society for the Blind, sponsorships, and support for Positive Futures in Liverpool.
- **Volunteering & Social Impact**: Tree planting at a hospice and college, litter picking at Ladywood School, mentoring young adults from Thrive, weekly visits to a shut-in elderly lady, and speaking engagements at Liverpool John Moores University.
- **Special Events & Campaigns**: Christmas appeal for the Wigan Borough, Ukraine aid drops, and a Snowden fundraiser.

These initiatives reflect our supply partner’s unwavering commitment to supporting communities, enhancing well-being, and fostering educational and social development.

Section 3: Overall Impact

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

Section 3, demonstrates 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 Overall Social Impact

Social Impact Generated
£15.8 million

Individuals Benefitting
9,190



Volunteer Hours Donated
2,098

Charitable Contributions Raised **£197k**

Beneficiaries

9,190 individuals have been directly impacted by either the Social Investments we made this year or the Social Value activities our Supply Partners deliver on behalf of clients and their communities.

From creating jobs, offering training, giving work experience, creating new spaces and funding community projects to supporting the most disadvantaged, Rise and all of our supply partners are continually making an impact through our work.



Volunteering

The Rise team have contributed **1,306** hours of their time to help local projects.

Framework supply partner staff have contributed **792** hours toward client related social value projects.

A total of **2,098** of volunteer hours have been donated to good causes and communities across the Region.



Fundraising

This year Rise have held events, arranged and participated in fundraisers and helped to promote and enable charitable activities. Through these activities our team have raised **£68,107** going directly into third sector organisations and activities.

Rise Supply Partners fundraising and charitable contributions have resulted in the raising of **£128,882** for causes across the North West, North Wales and Yorkshire.

This years combined total raised by Rise and our Supply Partners is almost **£197k** helping to benefit many community groups and individuals.



Thank You

We would like to thank the public sector organisations who are providing much needed community services by choosing to procure with a social business for the wider benefit of communities. Your decision to procure with Rise this year alone has directly benefitted 9,190 individuals.



Thank you also to the Rise Supply Partners who contributed to this report:

- A Copeland
- Actua
- ALM Construction
- Alan Johnston
- AP Bellis
- Ashton Joinery
- Avrenim
- Beech Jackson
- Brooke Cost Consultants
- City Build
- D&G Builders and Joiners
- Day Architectural
- Day Project Management
- EE Thompson
- F Parkinson
- Futureserv
- FWP
- Gosling
- Greenmount
- Halsall Lloyd
- Hickton
- Hive Projects
- James Mercer
- JD Engineering
- John Turner
- Kimpton
- Krol Corlett
- Manchester & Cheshire Construction
- NECO
- O'Neil & Partners
- RECOM
- Rosslee
- Senate
- Sterling
- TACE
- Truline
- Walter Carefoot
- Warden
- Wilson Mason
- WH Good