RISE CONSTRUCTION FRAMEWORK IMPACT REPORT 24 - 25



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CONSTRUCTION FRAMEWORK

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WELCOME TO OUR ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

When Rise Construction Framework was established, we had 2 main objectives:
1. Provide simple procurement solutions for the public sector
2. Tackle deprivation and poverty by investing profits into community intervention and prevention initiatives.
As a framework, we achieved both of these objectives, positively impacting the lives of 1,000s of people.

In 2020, we went further and established our own in-house social mobility initiative called 'Thrive'.Thrive is a specialist service that supports care leavers and young people furthest from the job market, connecting them with the support and wrap around services they need to secure meaningful employment. This year alone, Thrive supported 172 young people into employment.

As Rise approaches its 10th anniversary, we are proud to have curated a first of its kind social mobility and youth summit, Raise Up. Designed to power up social mobility for young people who feel left behind, Raise Up will provide 100s of opportunities for young people across the Northwest.



SARA LAWTON
Founder & Director

" This year I have spent time reflecting on our work asking myself if we do enough for public partners, can we do more, should our offer be more dynamic? Then I asked myself what is it that I value most in a service and it is people who deliver what they say they will and hold true to their values - this, for me, is the strength of Rise we have built a reputation of doing what we say we will and being true to our values."



SECTION 1: RISE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

At Rise, our social mission is clear: to tackle deprivation and poverty by investing profits into initiatives that strengthen communities.

Our contributions go beyond the social value delivered by our supply chain. By making public sector money work harder, we're able to fund innovative, high-impact initiatives that bring long-term benefits to the communities our public-sector partners serve.

This section highlights real life case studies that demonstrate how our approach helps makes communities safer, healthier, and economically active.

Social Return On Investment

£17.23 per £1 invested

Social Impact Generated

£ 3.84 million

7,414 Individual Beneficiaries

20 Community Projects Supported

£223K Invested in Communities

964 Volunteer Hours Donated



AN HOUR FOR OTHERS

An Hour for Others (AHFO) aims to bring communities together to inspire positive change through the power of love, unity and kindness. AHFO works with individuals and businesses to improve communities through the sharing of time, skills, kindness and compassion.

Rise awarded funding to AHFO to enable their dedicated team to continue to deliver a range of activities for adults and children across Liverpool. The 12-month funding is supporting AHFO to provide vital services from their community hub in L13.

Rise funding has enabled AHFO to continue and expand its delivery of weekly group sessions at the hub. AHFO run a variety of daytime group sessions for all ages, including coffee mornings, bereavement groups, stay & play for mums and toddlers and food clubs. In the evening, AHFO provide group sessions focused on children aged 6-16 years from the hub.

In addition to these sessions, AHFO also arrange for external partners to deliver sessions at the hub, including housing advice, health advice and relaxation classes. Each week, AHFO promote health and wellbeing by taking members of the hub for gym sessions. AHFO has also been able to run a creative writing course, focusing on how writing can help aid mental health.

"I was really isolated and unhappy. I found the hub and wanted to make friends as I was very lonely. AHFO have helped in so many ways, helping with my health and wellbeing, checking in on me and including me in lots of things. I couldn't get a dentist and didn't know where to turn. They put me on the right road and I now have new teeth and have found my life again."

Tom, Hub User

201 sessions delivered

2,255 visits to access hub services



TATTON GARDENS

The UDevelop project, funded by Rise, at Tatton Gardens has emerged as a transformative force in Chorley East, offering a dynamic and inclusive approach to community development.

Over the past two years, the project has directly engaged over 8,200 residents, providing essential services and opportunities that promote personal development, reduce social isolation, and strengthen community cohesion. By delivering tailored programs for all age groups, ranging from early childhood activities and digital literacy sessions to mental health support and employability training, UDevelop has created a thriving, multi-use hub that meets both immediate needs and long-term aspirations of local people.

Rise community funding has helped UDevelop in delivering high-quality, grassroots services, whilst building a strong foundation for sustainability through partnership development, volunteer engagement, and the establishment of self-sustaining groups, the Tatton Gardens initiative being well placed to serve as a beacon of community resilience and empowerment for years to come.

8,200 residents engaged

"The warm space and chit chat sessions are a booster for me, I have never chatted and socialised with so many different people in many years. In the current fuel crisis it is going to be a lifeline to pensioners like me to spend a few hours in the warmth without being worried over the cost."

Service User





Rise provided community funding to sypport a pilot project to fund an outreach advice worker based at North Manchester General Hospital. During the pilot, the advice support worker assisted 18 clients, addressing a range of issues, including benefits, debt management, health and well-being, food support, and housing. Many of the service users were experiencing or at risk of homelessness, and the pilot allowed individuals to access support who may not typically access it through statutory services or in the community. Further, the majority of those accessing the service reside within some of the most deprived areas in the country, enabling support for some of the most vulnerable individuals in our communities.

CITIZENS ADVICE MANCHESTER

"I just wanted to say thank you, because my mum said how much you've done and it's just such a help. With someone being in hospital and us not really knowing what to do, it's been a massive help."

Citizens Advice Client



SafeNet is a domestic abuse charity delivering support to survivors across the Northwest. In 2024, Rise awarded SafeNet funding for a fifth consecutive year to cover the cost of employing a specialist creche worker. The domestic abuse trained creche worker provides individualised support plans for each child and enables mothers to attend recovery programs.

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.

SAFENET CRECHE WORKER

52 children supported

34 adults supported



GADDUM

Gaddum offers advocacy, carer support and therapy services across Manchester. One of the services offered by Gaddum is Talking Therapy, a programme that utilises a variety of counselling and therapy techniques to help individuals experiencing mental health difficulties referred by GPs and other NHS professionals.

Rise provided funding to Gaddum to fund the role of a Community Engagement Worker for a 12-month period, providing support for those suffering from mental health by helping to remove barriers to meaningful engagement with therapy. The engagement worker has worked collaboratively with people to address practical issues which may be impacting their mental health and wellbeing, and to empower them to feel more capable to deal with problems in the future. This is achieved through helping people identify goals, navigate through, and connect with appropriate community services, and breaking down barriers to engagement.

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>
> **Service User**

323
1:2:1 sessions

96
accessed 1:2:1 support

37
sessions delivered

21
accessed sessions



OUTSIDE LIVES

Outside Lives is a social enterprise based in Denbighshire that connects people through nature, creativity, and community. Rise awarded community funding for the Little Sparc project, a 12-month pilot delivering monthly sessions to local young people in need of additional support.

The pilot delivered seasonal activities to 12 young people and aimed to encourage participants to explore, discover and connect. The project's impact went beyond supporting participants, reaching into homes, families, and the broader community. Little Sparc has helped promote a greater sense of belonging, resilience, and wellbeing for everyone involved.

"I love coming to Little Sparc to see my new friends and play. We build dens, make cool art, learn new things - it's the best!"

Little Sparc Young Person

"Little Sparc really seems to benefit the parents too, several have told me that the space and nurturing environment have a positive impact on the whole family"

Vicky, Little Sparc Coordinator

12 young people

12 day sessions delivered

7 parents and carers





THRIVE

Thrive was established by Rise in 2020 as our first in-house social initiative, created to support some of the most vulnerable young people across the Liverpool City Region. Thrive is a dedicated safe space for care-experienced young people, where they can meet with support workers and access tailored wraparound support. At Thrive, we believe every young person deserves the opportunity to live a happy, safe, and fulfilling life.

Thrive is a unique service that is making a tangible difference in the lives of young people. In addition to financial support, the Rise team contributes time and skills to ensure Thrive remains fully supported.

"I came to Thrive as a care leaver with issues with my Universal Credit. I felt very stuck and wasn't receiving any help, while also having poor mental health, until my PA took me to Thrive.
Straight away, I was presented with career options based on my skills and aspirations. Thrive helped me explore options through career days and training courses, which resulted in me landing a job as a civil servant."

James, Thrive Service User

676 young people

238 sessions delivered

172 into work





First Person Project CIC is a social enterprise specialising in socially progressive mental health services. Rise community funding provided tailored wellbeing support to young people accessing support at Thrive Careers Hub. Services are designed to help remove barriers that prevent young people from fully engaging with education, training and employment opportunities.

Rise funding has enabled access to timely, free, and stigma-free mental health support at a time when waiting lists and thresholds can leave vulnerable young people without the help they need.

FIRST PERSON PROJECT

35 young people

150 1:2:1 support sessions



Through Rise community funding, the Choir Church at St Mary Magdalene, Accrington has flourished over the past two years. The choir has regular members and the support of dedicated volunteers, and helps bring together children, families, and the church community.

The project nurtures musical talent, spiritual engagement, and community connection through weekly singing sessions and regular services. With strong leadership and growing enthusiasm from pupils, the initiative continues to thrive and inspire.

ACCRINGTON CHOIR

"It's been a joy to see the children grow in confidence and curiosity - not just musically, but spiritually as well."

Choral Director



BIG LIFE PROJECT

The Big Life Group operates to fight inequality by working with people and places to create opportunities and inspire change.Rise provided funding to enable the delivery of group and 1:2:1 sessions for a group of expectant and new mothers and their children, who had experienced negativity and sometimes trauma whilst in maternity services.

Upon accessing the sessions, each participant was provided with a welcome pack containing mother and baby essentials. The sessions, which ran four times a week, included 1:2:1 counselling, yoga, peer support groups, and baby massage. This project enabled participants to access 1:2:1 and peer support at a time they were most vulnerable, providing vital support to individuals who could not afford private counselling.

100
sessions delivered

23
accessed support

"I had almost given up hope and then I found this lifeline! I needed my family and so you are my family now and I am grateful to you and the group that fund you! You have made my life bearable!"

Expectant Mother





CITIZENS ADVICE SALFORD

Rise awarded funding to Citizens Advice Salford to fund a full-time advice support worker at Salford Loaves and Fishes homelessness centre. The support worker is dedicated to assisting individuals with issues related to benefits, debt, and housing; extending also to offering support for those who may be facing challenges such as mental health struggles, being drug or alcohol dependent or experiencing domestic abuse or coercive control.

The funding helped to restart the advice and support sessions, enabling the retention of an experienced staff member who had already established relationships and trust with both staff members and service users, ensuring a seamless continuation of support. The advice given mainly focused on benefits, housing and debt.

335
sessions delivered

110
individuals supported

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Service User





Rise awarded community funding to Udevelop to deliver community outreach and support services in Hurdsfield, Cheshire. Udevelop delivered services from The Green in the Corner community space, with Rise funding enabling the expansion of health and wellbeing programmes in the area, reaching isolated and underserved communities.

Through local partnerships, drop-ins, and targeted courses, the project has seen increased engagement, built sustainable support networks, and improved access to education, confidence-building, and employability support for many in the Hurdsfield community.

UDEVELOP HURDSFIELD

73 support sessions

388 accessing support



Rise funding enabled the delivery of trauma-informed counselling as part of Crea8ing Communities' Whole Family Therapeutic Programme. This programme supports vulnerable children, young people, and families facing complex challenges such as adverse childhood experiences, special educational needs and disabilities, poverty, trauma, and substance misuse. Approximately 50% of participating families disclosed experiences of domestic abuse, 65% reported trauma, and 22% were affected by alcohol or substance misuse. The Rise investment was made at a time when other funding sources had ended, helping to maintain vital support for children and young people with high levels of need.

CREA8ING COMMUNITIES

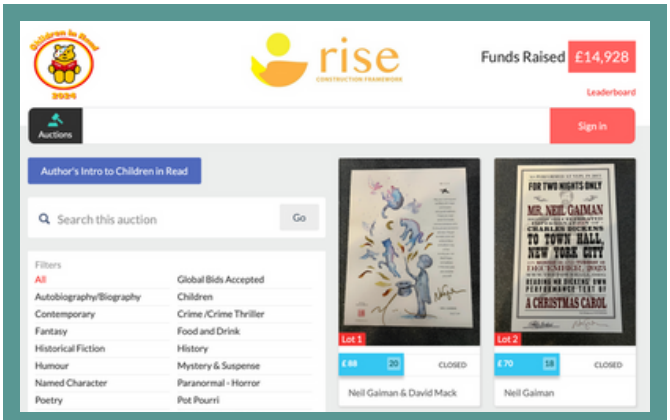
72 counselling sessions

7 families benefitted

FURTHER COMMUNITY INVESTMENT



CENTRE 56 RUN THE RAILWAY



CHILDREN IN READ



PAPER CUP PROJECT



LIVERPOOL HOMELESS FC



ALEXANDER ROSE CHARITY



HOLY CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL



SECTION 2: RISE SUPPLY PARTNER IMPACT

This year, we proudly collaborated with clients and supply partners across the Northwest and Yorkshire to deliver a wide range of impactful framework projects. Alongside the Social Impact achieved through Rise's own investments, our supply partners have played a vital role in creating impact.

Through project-based social value initiatives and charitable activities, they have supported local communities on behalf of clients, amplifying our shared commitment to creating lasting, meaningful change. Together, we continue to demonstrate how collaborative, values-driven procurement can deliver both exceptional outcomes and maximise community benefit.

Project-based Social Impact generated by Rise supply partners **£3.1 million**

1,068	Individuals working on Rise Projects	**473**	Individuals Trained
2,302	Learning Days Accessed	**811**	Work Experience Days Gained
1,403	Volunteer Hours Donated	**£167K**	Charitable Monies Raised

SUPPLY PARTNER SOCIAL VALUE



EMPLOYMENT

1068 personnel have undertaken activities to help deliver quality projects for Rise members this year

25 new job opportunities were created as a result of contracts secured via Rise, contributing directly to regional economy and sustainability of the sector

9 individuals sustained their employment due to Rise contracts being awarded

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

53% of supply partners have a "local" workforce (within 10miles of projects) which aids in a lower carbon footprint during project delivery

TRAINING & EDUCATION

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

2302 days of learning have been completed

80 individuals who are either apprentices, trainees or graduates have undertaken work on or contributed to framework projects

11.7% of the Rise Supplier Workforce are apprentices

28 individuals have gained un-paid work experience on site

811 work experience days delivered by supply partners on Rise contracts

SUPPLY PARTNER SOCIAL VALUE

Rise Supply Partners have made a significant social impact through a wide range of community-focused initiatives. Highlights include:

CHARITABLE GIVING & FUNDRAISING

Rise Supply Partner, including: Actua Chartered Surveyors, City Build, DAY, FWP, Hive Projects, James Mercer Group, Krol Corlett, O'Neil & Partners, Pettit Singleton Associates, Sterling Service, Truline, Walker Sime, and Walter Carefoot.

Donated items, carried out challenges and activities to raise money for charities and community groups across the Northwest, including: CRADLE, Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Charity, Manchester Children's Hospital, Manchester Youth Zone, Merlys Kitchen, Nugent, Preston Homeless Shelter, Stockport NHS Charity, The Bronte, and Tyldesley Food Bank.

YOUTH, EDUCATION & SKILLS SUPPORT

Rise Supply Partner participated and carried out school visits, mentoring, careers talks, mock interviews, and much more to support young people in education. Including John Turner supporting Tameside College and Leeds University, and Kimpton supporting LJMU and Pensby High School.

Additionally, supply partners supported education institutions and initiatives financially through sponsorship, donations and funding. Including Truline supporting Hiugh Baird College, Senate Group supporting Green Skills Bus, and Greenmount Projects supporting Wigan & Leigh College.

VOLUNTEERING & IN-KIND SUPPORT

Supply partner staff volunteer days were used for food bank work, garden clear-ups, and charity events such as Wigan College Daffodil Dreams fashion show.

Waste materials and items were repurposed by supply partners for cleints and community projects.

LOCAL PROJECT SUPPORT

D&G Builders and Joiners assisted Blue Skies with a new charity shop, 10architects provided pro-bono design for West Kirby United FC, FWP supported Preston North End Community & Education Trust & PLACED, and Sterling Services carried out an art competition for children in Wigan.

The above highlights the ways our supply partner supports local people, organisations, and causes across the regions we deliver our projects in.
Thank you to the Rise Supply Partners who contributed to this report:

10architect
Actua Chartered Surveyors
Alan Johnston Partnership
AP Bellis & Associates
Ashton Joinery
Beech Jackson Partnership
Brooke Cost Consulting
Consortia Integrated Services
City Build Manchester
D&G Builders and Joiners
Day Cost Management
Day Project Management
FWP
Gosling Consulting
Greenmount Projects
Hive Projects
Jamieson Contracting
JD Engineering
John Turner Construction Group
Kimpton
Krol Corlett Construction
Mersey Design Group
O'Neil & Partners
Pettit Singleton
Read Construction
Rider Levett Bucknall
Senate
SI Sealy Associates
Sterling Services
The James Mercer Group
Truline Construction
Walker Sime
Walter Carefoot & Sons
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RISE OVERALL SOCIAL IMPACT

Sections 1 and 2 of this report highlight the dual impact generated through both our direct social investments and the valuable contributions of our supply partners. From reinvesting public sector funds into community initiatives to project-based activities led by our supply partners, these efforts are helping build stronger, safer, healthier, and more economically active communities across the Northwest, North Wales, and Yorkshire.

The figures below demonstrate the power of collaboration. By combining our efforts, we're able to amplify social outcomes and help level up communities - delivering deeper, more sustainable change.

Importantly, the social impact detailed in this report is calculated independently to ensure credibility and transparency, and to avoid over-calculating the social return on investment. This approach reinforces our commitment to genuine, measurable impact through socially driven procurement.

Overall Social Impact Generated

£6.9 million

8,482
individuals benefitted

£247k
raised for charities

2,367
hours volunteered

THANK YOU

This social impact report matters because the people whose stories you have read about matter. Thank you for taking the time to read about our work at Rise, and importantly, thank you to the public sector organisations who choose Rise in the knowledge that each time you procure with us, you are supporting some of the most vulnerable people in our communities. We are proof that public, private and third sector collaboration can be life changing!



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