

Community Micro-enterprise Project in Central Bedfordshire

Community Catalysts



Community Catalysts is a social enterprise working across the UK to try to make sure that people who need care and support to live their lives can get help in ways, times and places that suit them, with real choice of attractive local options. We help local people use their energies and talents to deliver sustainable community enterprises that can support other local people, creating jobs and volunteering opportunities.

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This is a new and exciting project delivered in partnership with Central Bedfordshire Council. The 2-year programme aims to stimulate the development and growth of community micro-enterprises that provide a wide range of help and support for older and disabled people. The initial focus is on the Ivel Valley but work can cover the whole of the County.



Community Micro-enterprise

People with talents, passion and local knowledge run community micro-enterprises. They all aim to make a difference to the lives of local people. Our project has a focus on enterprises that support older or disabled people who need some care or help to live a good life:

- have 8 or fewer full-time staff or volunteers
- are independent of any larger organisation.
- are set up in many different and creative ways such as: sole trader, partnership, small business, social enterprise, charity or voluntary organisation.

Support from the Community Micro-enterprise Project



Community Catalysts has a huge amount of experience helping local people establish community enterprises. We can:

- offer you a friendly and supportive point of contact to explore ideas
- support you to develop your community enterprise
- give you practical information on regulation, training and opportunities in the health and social care sector
- direct you to other organisations who can help

Community Catalysts and Central Bedfordshire Council

Julie Ogley, Director of Social Care, Housing and Health for Central Bedfordshire Councils says:

I am delighted to welcome Community Catalysts to Central Bedfordshire and look forward to the impact the neighbourhood-based services they develop will make in supporting the more vulnerable members of our communities.

What might this mean for me?

Community Catalysts can support people who are currently running a community micro-enterprise that helps older people within the home or disabled people to live life their way. We can also help people who are interested in starting a new community enterprise.

We would also like to connect with people, organisations, businesses or groups across Central Bedfordshire who have an interest in building stronger communities.



Get in touch

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