

Locality

Experience of working with communities

Locality has four community enterprise specialist staff based in Yorkshire with an extensive track record of working with communities seeking local solutions to common issues. We also have a national network and knowledge base of 600 members to connect with. We work with communities on Starting up, getting Organising, Achieving their visions, and becoming Resilient, we call this our SOAR approach. We have helped organisations with initial ideas, setting up a legal structure, business planning, organisational strategies, reviewing and developing their governance, completing asset transfers, financial modelling, social investment and launching community share offers. We have worked on some of the largest community enterprise projects in the region such as Hebden Bridge Town Hall to small community start-ups like Rawdon Community Library and Otley CLT. Our ethos and added value as a network plugs you into expertise from across our movement, we'd love to hear from you.

Involvement in community led or self-build developments (especially housing projects)

Locality has increasingly supported Yorkshire communities to explore community-led housing approaches including Otley CLT, Calder Valley Community Land Trust, Leeds Community Homes and Bradford Arise partnership. We have directly funded groups in Yorkshire through our feasibility and project support grants and have worked with over 25 groups through our Nationwide Early Stage Support programme. We are one of the few advisors in the country with direct experience of accessing significant Homes England Affordable Homes grant and gain Homes England Investment Partner and Registered Provider status. We have close relationships and track record with Homes England and social investors - therefore we uniquely can help unlock significant grant and loan investment. We are experienced in new build and refurb and have worked closely on the national Community Led Housing Fund. Our specialists have community enterprise relevant accreditation including SFEDI, ILM Level 5, Community Shares Practitioner License and Prince II.

Areas where they work	All Areas		
Services they can provide	Community Development Funding/Finance Technical Co-ordinator	Services they can offer through other providers	Legal advisor (Community & Housing) Legal advisor (Property, Planning, Construction)
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