



Community Enterprise Project in Devon

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 form 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 Devon County Council. The two-year project aims to assist the start-up, development and growth of community enterprises that provide help and support for older and disabled people. Primarily, these enterprises offer help in people's homes, but we can also mentor those who would like to offer opportunities people can access in the local community. We are particularly looking for people in the Exeter south and west cluster, from Tedburn St Mary and Pathfinder Village, round to Starcross, Dawlish and Teignmouth.

Community Enterprise

People with talents, passion and local knowledge run community 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 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 Enterprise Project

Community Catalysts has a huge amount of experience helping local people establish community enterprises. We run a development programme which 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 Devon County Council

Solveig Wright, Deputy Head of Service, Adult Commissioning and Health, Devon County Council:

“Devon County Council is excited to be working with Community Catalysts to find new ways to meet the needs of the people of Devon; solutions that work at a very local level and respond to the individual choices of people who need care and support”

What might this mean for me?



Community Catalysts can support anyone who is currently running a community micro-enterprise that

- helps older or disabled people in their homes, or
- offers opportunities for people based in the local community.

We can also help people who are interested in starting a new community micro-enterprise.

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

Get in touch

Alex Woolaway is employed by Community Catalysts to coordinate this project and to run the development programme.

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