







Awarding funds from
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History and Community

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"To work with local communities and beyond, to create a centre of excellence to be proud of, in which people can participate, learn, create and be entertained, in keeping with the original ethos of the Ebbw Vale Institute"

Working in Blaenau Gwent 10 years previously

- Lack of facilities
- Young people desires in the cultural industries
- Researched various building options
- Visited Ebbw Vale Institute closed.
- Early discussions with local people and double glazing







- The Weight of people's history and culture
- WGov Head of Valleys. Patrick Lewis.
- Community Asset Transfer still new
- Culture change for Council Staff
- A Champion in the Council Jane Lee

RISK





Tips

- Know what you are taking on liabilities.
- Maximise and Minimise
- Ask what you should not do as much as what you should do – focus on what you do best
- Cherish your champions
- Be prepared to adapt
- Check your experts





Tips

- Social Business or a Weatherspoons
- Monitor performance & be prepared to adapt
- Be the right size
- How many marriages?
- Be hard on your financial projections



Achievements during CAT Project



- 21 Work placements created
- 60 Volunteers recruited
- •5 paid posts were sustained, 17 casual part time posts were created [7 cafe & 10 bar].
- 32 third sector organisations supported
- 421 NEET young people were engaged
- 47 new partnership-working opportunities were created

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

you said ...

DCREATE A COMMUNITY GARDEN 57%

DEVELOP OUR LIVE MUSIC VENUE 55%

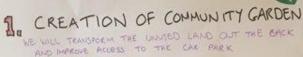
DCREATE ART + PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION SPACE

DIMPROVE RECEPTION AREA + 12 0% TRAINING FACILITIES

DIMPROVE HEATING SYSTEM 48

[DURING A RECENT SURVEY]

OUR PLANS



2. IMPROVING RECEPTION AREA BY CREATING A BOX OFFICE , DECORPTING + IMPROVING 3) HOW WILL YOU USE

3. IMPROVING LIVE MUSIC VENUE ATTRACT LARGER ACTS + AUDIENCES THROUGH UPDATING THE DECOR, TOILETS + UPSERDING PA

CREATING AN EXHIBITION SPACE FOR ART + PHOTOGRAPHY CREATE A DISPLAY SPACE FOR COMMUNITY

5. IMPROVING HEATING REPAIRING ROOF

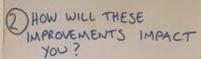
MAINTAINING THE BUILDING + IMPRO THE COMPORT

INSTALLING SOLAR PANELS + DE UPCRADING LICHTING + HEATING TO BECOME MORE ENERGY EFFICIENT

WE AIM TO RAISE 725,000

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

MHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE PLANS?



THE COMMUNITY GARDEN?

(+) ANY OTHER IDEAS?







Economic and Social Development

Identity

The Community Multiplier Effect





Health & Wellbeing

Social Prescribing

Resilience

Co-production



Economic Realities



We still have to pay the bills

Staff stretched - working hard

Austerity



Social Value



Well Being Hub

Social Prescribing

Resilience

Co-production

The need for us to look after each other





Value for Money





Nantyglo AFC

Community and Sporting Pride

The Multiplier Effect Waiting to happen





Support

Risk





"It is wonderful place to be, I am so very happy that EVI Cultural Centre is open and here to stay. The renovations are beautiful."

Charlie Evans, local resident

"More communities should have a centre like this... a dynamic, forward thinking creative hub with multi-agencies collaborating and working together for the greater good... a centre of excellence with the community at its heart. Young people in the summer school feel a sense of belonging and feel safe, owning their space, and young Josh would like to come here all the time".

Ed Rees, Tutor at ACT Summer School