



**JEWSON
PARTNERSHIP
SOLUTIONS**

Title

Project overview

Jewson Partnership Solutions have worked closely with Ongo to support employability, skills development and community wellbeing initiatives. Through participation in Future Fest, the delivery of a week-long employability bootcamp and contributions to Ongo's homeless shelter garden project in Doncaster, Jewson Partnership Solutions have helped create lasting opportunities for local people while supporting some of the most vulnerable members of the community.

Partnership in action

Jewson Partnership Solutions shares Ongo's commitment to creating positive outcomes for local people through employment, training and community investment. By supporting multiple initiatives, the partnership has helped individuals gain valuable skills, improve confidence and access practical opportunities that support long-term wellbeing and independence.

Addressing local priorities

Many local residents face barriers to employment, including low confidence, limited work experience and a lack of practical skills. At the same time, vulnerable individuals can benefit significantly from access to quality outdoor spaces that promote wellbeing, provide learning opportunities and encourage community engagement.

The support provided by Jewson Partnership Solutions helped address these challenges by creating pathways into employment while improving facilities at Ongo's homeless shelter.

Delivering social value

Jewson Partnership Solutions delivered social value through several initiatives, including leading an interview preparation workshop at Future Fest and delivering a week-long employability bootcamp for six Ongo customers. The programme combined classroom-based learning through the Skills for Life programme with hands-on experience at a local Jewson branch, allowing participants to develop practical workplace skills and confidence.

In addition, Jewson Partnership Solutions donated hand tools, a shed and a greenhouse to Ongo's Garden Wellbeing Project at the homeless support shelter in Doncaster, helping create a space where residents can learn new skills, improve their wellbeing and connect with others.

Using multiple outcomes from the HACT Social Value Bank, these activities generated an estimated £313,000 of social value.

Outcomes and community impact

The support provided by Jewson Partnership Solutions enabled participants to gain valuable employability skills, workplace experience and increased confidence, helping them move closer to sustainable employment.

The contributions to the homeless shelter project have enhanced a community space that supports learning, wellbeing and social interaction, creating lasting benefits for current and future residents.

Vic Wilson, one of the Bootcamp participants said - 'It was really worthwhile and the highlight for me was the Skills4Life session which helped me to think about what I wanted to do in the future'

Sustainable Impact

The skills, confidence and experience gained through the employability programmes will continue to benefit participants as they seek future employment opportunities.

Meanwhile, the donated garden facilities will provide long-term opportunities for residents to develop practical skills, improve their wellbeing and take pride in their environment, ensuring the impact of the project continues for years to come.

One resident, who wishes to stay anonymous, said - "I feel like my confidence has built especially in the last few months and having the garden project has given me a focus. It's great to see how rewarding gardening can be, and I've enjoyed getting out of my usual routine.

I've helped in building the shed, greenhouse and other things, and I'm looking forward to using them. Building a network here has given me an idea of how the future might look - it's been motivational for me. I'm now looking forward to taking on some training and volunteering with Ongo staff to build up some more skills."