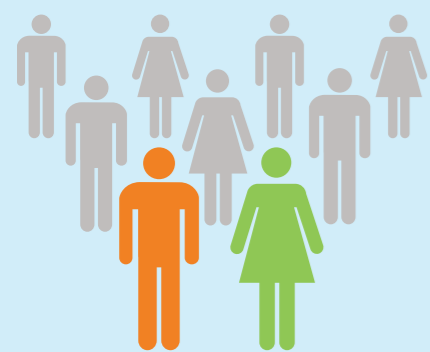


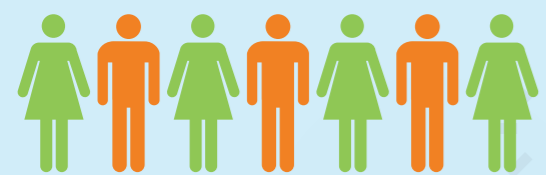
Evaluation of the Learning Hives

The Hives are being successful in engaging people into learning

Project Outputs: Learning Hives are a community education approach, which creates centres of learning in the midst of deprived residential areas. This is a summary of the first year evaluation of a three year Big Lottery funded Learning Hives project which is taking place in Newcastle and Northumberland in three community venues.



The Hives have become a well used community resource with an average monthly usage of between **100-200 PEOPLE**



350 with Individual Learning Plans (ILPs)



400 people participating in Learning Programmes

Improved mental health & reduced isolation

Residents across all Hives involved in the learning had a number of positive impacts on their health and wellbeing, including: improving confidence & self esteem as well as reducing isolation. The tutors and the one-to-one support model created an atmosphere which encouraged learning in those who lacked confidence.



Improving financial capability

Learners reported being involved in teaching and learner support was invaluable in their acquisition of employment-related skills and knowledge. Of the 202 individuals who participated in targeted employability activities 23% successfully moved into employment.

With literacy support, access to contact details + telephone numbers & support, there were a number of examples of sanctions being avoided or overturned.

- Reduced Isolation
- One-to-one support
- Strengthen Social Networks
- Improved Confidence & Self Esteem



Highly accessible resources

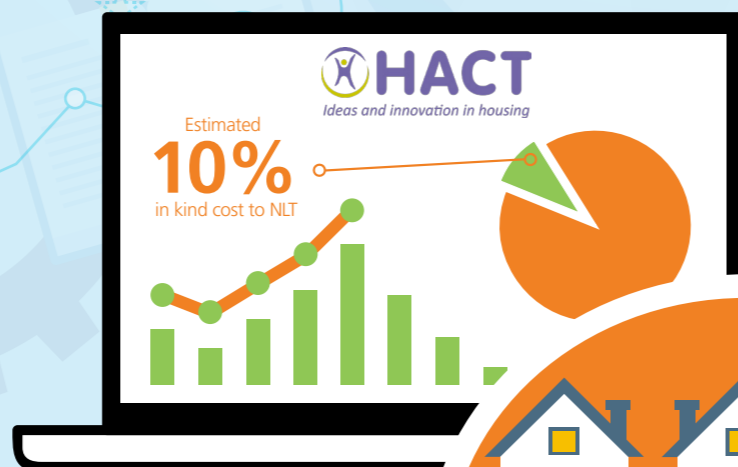
The Hives enabled residents access to computers & Internet that they didn't have previously. Others said these resources were difficult to get access to in other venues, such as the library or the Job Centre Plus.



Support, Resources & Education Delivery.

Learning Hive's social value

The Hives represent a significant social return on investment, calculated using HACT evidence based values. HACT is the housing support agency which provide the industry standard in calculating social impact and value. The project represents a social return on investment of 1:17.



Cost of 3 Hives
£138,575

Social Impact Value

The social value cost using the figures presented in the main body of the report, give a social impact value of **£2,374,327** over 12 months

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The full evaluation report is available at www.northernlearningtrust.org.uk

Our Learning Hives model is cost-effective, flexible, responsive and reputable.

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