



'Making a Mark'

Mark Holder Social Impact Declaration



Joining Communities



Joining Communities provides support to those looking for work, helping them to become more work ready while increasing their digital skills. As a social enterprise, we help families, children and individuals who are on low incomes to establish more economic stability.

Targeting those who are most financially challenged and suffering from deprivation and poverty, we help them identify ways to generate sustainable income, learn and raise their skills level leading to a healthier lifestyle and greater wellbeing. We actively support local community and voluntary organisations, including social enterprises and together we build a stronger community.

The Social Enterprise Mark criteria includes a requirement for all applicants and renewing Mark Holders to provide 'social impact statements', which illustrate how they are striving to meet their social/environmental objectives.

Below are examples of how **Joining Communities** is Making a Mark, striving to make a difference to local communities.

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Social inputs – linking communities to local services

We provide community based services, providing a link between communities and local services to enrich lives.

We do this by:

- Helping jobseekers learn the skills needed to get into work
- Training courses and workshops to prepare the unemployed for the workplace
- Building self-confidence through classroom based workshops and coaching/mentoring
- Programmes for older people, helping them to get online so they can access the services they need to keep them safe and healthy

In August 2012 we became a Star Partner with UnLtd, the leading provider of support to social entrepreneurs in the UK. Additionally the directors of Joining Communities are mentors for other social entrepreneurs within the UnLtd network.

Social outputs – measures of services



Since 1st August 2015 we have supported **550** learners to learn digital skills and become more work ready.

Over **3,000** local people have accessed our drop-in facilities.

Social outcomes – benefits for participants

As a result of attending our courses:

- 35 learners achieved Maths and/or English Functional Skills
- 495 learners have a relevant and up to date CV and are better prepared for job search and employment
- 229 learners now have an email account
- 1,600 learners have been supported to improve their digital skills

