



'Making a Mark'

Mark Holder Social Impact Declaration

STL Ltd

STL (STEP Training & Learning) is the trading arm of South Tyrone Empowerment Programme (STEP), a not for profit community development organisation based in Dungannon, Northern Ireland.



STL manages a number of community enterprises which both meet community needs and create income to support STEP's core work. These initiatives include:

- Training and learning and consultancy provision
- Interpreting and translation services
- Workspace provision for micro-and community enterprise
- Town centre regeneration

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 **STL** is Making a Mark, striving to make a difference to local communities.

Social inputs – managing shared community spaces

STL is currently focused on managing The Junction, a new Shared Community Space owned by our parent company STEP, built at the heart of Dungannon's neighbourhood renewal area.

We manage the venue to ensure it meets the needs of both the local community and fits with STEP's charitable objectives. The three main tenants are all charities.

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Around 1/3 of the 26,000 sqft property is available for short term room rental. We work hard to ensure that we bring in service providers not based within this area to offer their services to this community. The income from the room rentals will in time subsidise the rent charged to the three charities based within the building.

We also continue to offer interpreting and translation services, primarily to ensure equality of access to services for non-English speakers. All profits are donated to our parent charity.



Social outputs – measures of key activities

The Junction opened in late March 2016 after a 12 month build period. In the 6 months from April to July 2016 we have had over **13,000** people enter the building.

This includes local residents visiting the tenants, attending classes, or just sitting in the 2,000 sqft public foyer. It also includes people from outside this area attracted to one of the many events, meetings or classes that we now accommodate.



Social outcomes – providing benefits to residents

We have enabled service provision to be brought right to the doorstep of the most deprived residents in the area. This has benefited the residents but also the charities now based here. For example, **Inspire**, formally known as The Beacon Centre, were based nearby in an old property that had been deemed unsafe with certain areas marked as no go zones. They offer a vital service to their day users and were having to operate across a number of venues to ensure safety.

Since moving to The Junction they are able to offer everything under one roof. They are able to fully occupy their permanent office space, and rent the additional spaces they require as and when needed.

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