



the coalfields
regeneration trust

Coalfields Community Investment Programme (England) Practical Support

Main Objectives

The Coalfields Community Investment Programme (CCIP) - Practical Support offer in England has three main objectives:

- To build the capacity of coalfield organisations to become more sustainable.
- To develop a membership of connected coalfield organisations across England, to share good practice and respond to local needs.
- To develop joint-working and income generation opportunities.

Our Offer - The Support Provided

- Critical Friend – face to face meetings with Development Managers, telephone and email support from the team (98% satisfaction rating from members of which 86% were very satisfied)
- Local Area Profiling – detailed reports of local statistics (2+ reports/year)
- Funding Support – review of funding applications (to any funder)
- Funding Search – bespoke searches using GrantFinder
- Organisational Diagnostic Tool – analysis of organisational need
- Networking & information sharing with over 280 member organisations
- Online resource library of around 600 useful reports and information

- Signposting to partner organisations such as Cranfield Trust, Locality

Practical support is provided free of charge to all eligible organisations

Primary Eligibility Criteria

- Your organisation must be physically located in an eligible coalfield ward or be delivering the majority of your services to people in coalfield areas.
- Be a legally constituted, not for personal profit organisation.

Additional Eligibility Criteria

Your organisation must also have the following:

- A governing document(s) appropriate to the legal/governance structure of the organisation.
- Your own bank account in the name of the organisation.
- Your own annual accounts (for organisations more than 1 year old).
- Your most recent accounts must indicate your organisation has received less than £250,000 of unrestricted income in the last financial year.
- Three or more unrelated people on the Management Committee/Board.

How to Register for Practical Support

Step 1: If you would like to register for practical support and become a member of the network please contact the team on 01226 272811 or email practicalsupport@coalfields-regen.org.uk

Step 2: Following the initial enquiry, if your organisation is eligible we will email a link to the Organisational Diagnostic Tool for you to complete which will capture information about your organisation and will encourage you to consider and consolidate your own thoughts and aspirations about your organisation's development and help to focus on what practical support your organisation requires.

How to Register for Practical Support Continued

Step 3: Once the organisational diagnostic is complete we will receive notification and will then email you a copy of the completed form for your information.

Step 4: We will assess the form to determine how best we can assist you with your support needs and send you some resources.

Step 5: We aim to be as supportive as possible, through the variety of resources at our disposal. We will arrange to discuss your needs in more detail, this is usually conducted as a face to face meeting, but could also include meeting at a regional event, a telephone conversation or via email.

Plans for CCIP Practical Support

- Regional networking/information sharing events
- Funding & resources – training, technical support, visits