



Pro bono service

Impact Report

2020 - 2021

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The City Funds Pro bono service...

Connects businesses, networks and other organisations with Bristol's voluntary sector & matches them with tailored opportunities to share their skills, build capacity and make a social & environmental impact.

It provides a route for businesses to grow their talent, networks, brand and **social value** by investing their skills and knowledge in Bristol's local communities.

City Funds is a city wide collaboration and partnership between Bristol & Bath Regional Capital, Bristol City Council and Quartet Community Foundation which combines - impact investments, grants & pro bono support to help Bristol on its journey to becoming a fair, healthy and sustainable city.



Year one - In numbers

30 Businesses providing pro bono support & services

41 VCSEs* receiving pro bono support on **46** occasions

15 VCSEs* signposted to additional support & resources

£103,000 The value of pro bono support

£3.22

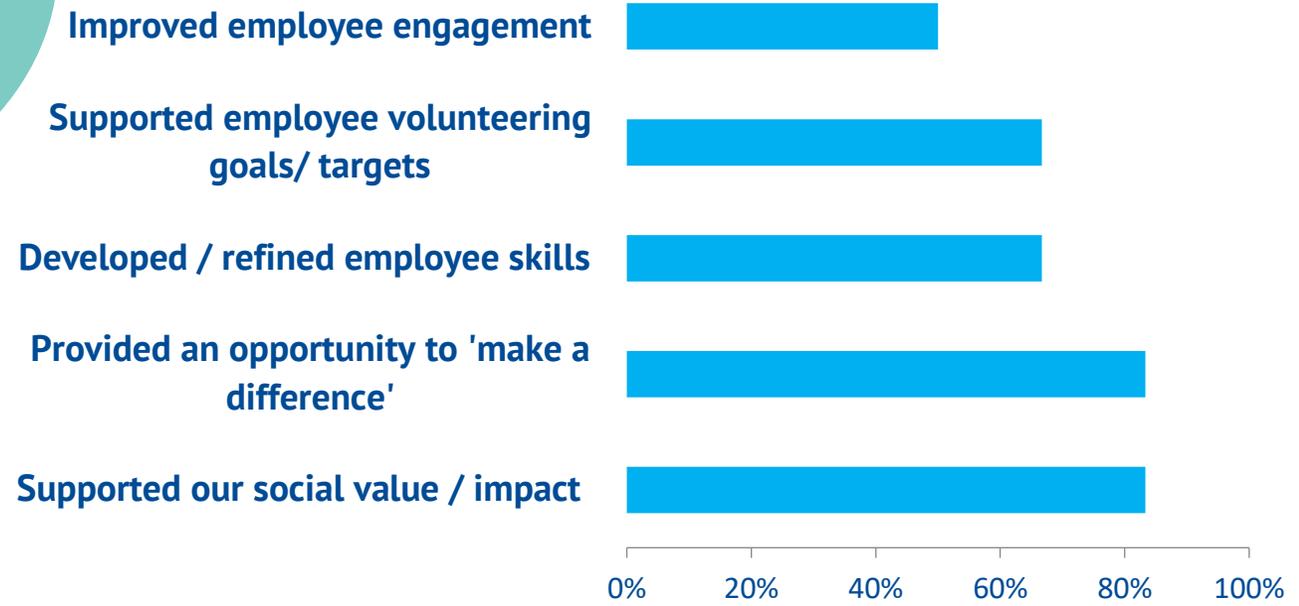
Value of pro bono support for every £1 invested in the pro bono service

*VCSE – Voluntary, Community & Social Enterprise organisations





Businesses tell us that sharing their skills has...



The stories - Sharing GDPR expertise to support refugees and asylum seekers

Bristol Refugee & Asylum Seeker Partnership (BRASP) brings together 16 voluntary and community organisations working primarily with people from refugee backgrounds in Bristol, to build service coordination, user voice and strategic collaboration. Voscur has been supporting the partnership since its inception and contacted the City Funds pro bono service to connect with specialist legal expertise to develop an information sharing agreement and process between the BRASP partners.



Osborne Clarke quickly responded to the challenge with a team of specialist solicitors.

“ Targeted and proportionate data sharing has a huge role to play in protecting the most vulnerable in society.

We were delighted to use our data protection expertise to help shape this innovative new data sharing framework for VOSCUR / BRASP.

The new model will accelerate referrals between BRASP members and make a tangible difference to the quality of support that refugees and asylum seekers in Bristol receive.

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Jon Round, Osborne Clarke



“ Osborne Clarke’s legal expertise and support has been invaluable and will enable more collaborative refugee and asylum support across the city.

Their solicitors have been such a pleasure to work with, being professional, responsive and helpful throughout.

The City Funds pro bono service has an important role in enabling VCSE organisations like BRASP to access the expertise and specialist support where the costs would otherwise be prohibitive.

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Clare Daley, Voscur



A new identity for



Heart of BS13 & Windmill Hill City Farm have joined forces to **transform Hartcliffe City Farm into a thriving community hub.**

One step towards the farm's regeneration is creating a new identity which reflects the organisation's values and engages the local community who will be at the heart of shaping its long term future.

Garrett Creative, the independent design studio based in Bristol, were keen to support through their - [Design for Good](#) pro bono 'grant' which they set up in partnership with the City Funds Pro bono service & Voscur.



They got under the skin of our aims and translated that into a brand that really fits the bill. The result is everything we'd hoped it would be.

Steve Sayers, CEO, Windmill Hill City Farm



Hartcliffe City Farm



This was a really exciting and inspiring project to work on...



Our priority for the brand identity design was to reflect their values and highlight the diverse and unique nature of Hartcliffe City Farm. Delivering this piece of work has helped us, as a business, put our values into practice and fulfil our mission.

Working with inspiring organisations in the voluntary sector and supporting the amazing work going on in Bristol is something we are really passionate about.



Alison Cooper HR Consulting

Alison supported an incredible **6 voluntary** sector organisations through the pro bono service **over 2021**, with a combination of **HR advice** and ensuring **employee policies & contracts** are fit for purpose.



One of these organisations is **Clean Up Bristol Harbour CIC** which organises monthly volunteer meet ups to **clear the harbour of discarded plastics** and other waste. They also deliver educational activities in schools to **raise environmental awareness**.

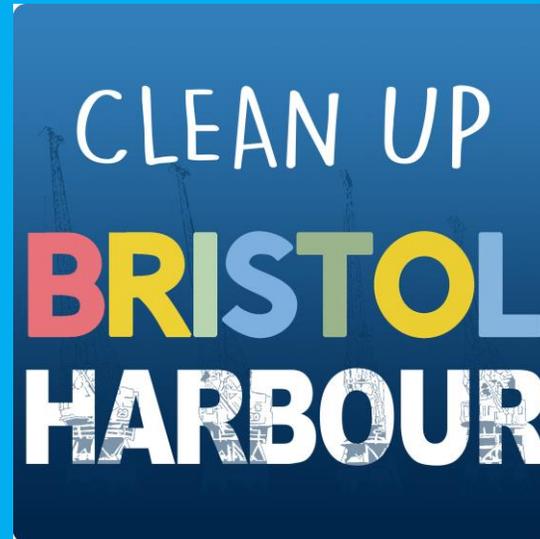


I have spent many years working outside of my home city and this has been a perfect way to give something back to my community in Bristol. ””
Alison Cooper, HR Director



We were delighted to receive the help and support from an HR professional with over 20 years experience. Alison reviewed our draft company policies incisively and offered helpful practical advice over zoom and email. We're now able to compile our updated policies into a handy volunteer handbook. ””

John Peters-Coleman
Clean Up Bristol Harbour CIC



By **sharing** her professional **HR knowledge** and **fitting support** around her other **clients**, Alison has made a huge difference by **unlocking doors** and **enabling organisations** to **move forward**.

Partnerships...

The ethos of the City Funds pro bono service is about connecting the voluntary sector with the best & most appropriate support that's out there!

That's why as well as supporting businesses with their social impact we also connect with other incredible local & national networks and organisations.

They're in our genes...



The Prince's Responsible Business Network



Getting in touch



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