



CP Learning Trust

CP Learning Trust (The Trust) is a not-for-profit charitable organisation, founded in 2003 from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Learning Partnerships.



We work collaboratively with communities and key partners to improve the life chances of adults who have benefited least from learning – those having poor skills, low aspirations and, ultimately, experiencing a low sense of well-being and social exclusion.

We believe that all individuals have the right to equality in learning opportunity, wherever possible funded and local, delivered in a way that supports and encourages those with fewer skills to access those opportunities. Our vision is for every individual to have the opportunity to improve their life through learning and to be able to participate fully in community life.

Over the past twenty-two years we have supported more than 44,000 adults to access and participate in a wide range of first step and foundation learning opportunities, with significant success and achievements. We have developed and delivered community based, innovative and good quality learning opportunities with clear progression pathways.

The Trust has a great deal of experience in leading and supporting collaborative activities aimed at engaging those most hard to reach and disadvantaged, especially within deprived communities across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

Community relationships are fundamental to the success of the Trust, built on mutual trust and respect, helping to establish effective links with learning and service provider networks. This has enabled us to deliver considerably more community-based learning activity including basic numeracy, literacy, IT, volunteer training and support, confidence and well-being, capacity building, employability skills, heritage and crafts and a wide variety of informal learning (learning by stealth to 'hook' adults on learning).

The Trust has a track record of successfully managing funds to deliver community projects. These include funds from: European Social Fund, Skills Funding Agency, Community Learning Trust, Cambridgeshire Community Foundation as well as National Lottery: Reaching Communities Fund, National Lottery Heritage.

We are a key player in local networks and strategic partnerships which come together for local social and economic development. Through these collaborations we get support and help with development, delivery and achieving the outcomes of our projects. These networks and partnerships include: CCVS, PCVS, GET Group, Hunts Forum, LoveWisbech, Fenland Youth Culture, Fenland Collaborative, Fenland Place Partnership, VSN, Integrated Neighbourhood Board, Peterborough Champions Alliance and many more.

Our flagship Community Heritage Orchard near Wisbech is a hub for skills delivery, community engagement, environmental approaches and a green space for learners, volunteers and staff to enjoy. Set on just over 3 acres of fen land the plot has been sensitively developed, nurtured and planted into a beautiful place for people, nature and wildlife.

This collaborative approach is at the heart of the work of CP Learning Trust and, from our community-based approach and with partners, we can effectively address local and national initiatives.

Fundamental to the success of the Trust is our highly motivated, experienced and qualified staff. From those working permanently in the community with residents and community groups, to our project management team and trustees – all have exemplary track records successfully delivering and supporting community projects.