

Join The Venturists

Lead, inspire, and make a difference

The Venturists unites schools, businesses, and communities to create real social enterprises that change lives. Through mentoring, teamwork and creativity, our champions gain confidence and skills for the future. Together, we build stronger partnerships, measurable social value and a generation of changemakers for people, place, and planet.



Skills based volunteering and team growth.



Mentor and empower young people, while levelling up your skills.



Share expertise, see real community and social impact.



Enable career development and see projects come alive.



The Venturists
by Participate Projects



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A Structured Program

For Business

Join The Venturists to deliver measurable CSR and ESG impact while developing your team's leadership, mentoring and communication skills. Partnering connects your brand with purpose, builds community reputation, and inspires the future workforce through meaningful collaboration with schools and young changemakers. Purpose meets performance — make real impact locally.

- Powerful CSR for Businesses
- Cross-sector Partnerships
- Brand & PR Exposure
- Local Impact Evidence
- Tailored CSR Packages
- Employee Development

For Schools

The Venturists empowers pupils to design real social enterprises, building on confidence, teamwork and leadership. Fully aligned with Ofsted and the national Curriculum the project supports Personal Development; boosting school engagement, achievement, key skills and community links. Transform learning through hands-on projects that inspire active citizenship, strengthen school culture and creates lasting local impact.

- Empowering Young Changemakers
- Curriculum Integration
- Family Engagement
- Transformative Learning for Schools
- Personal Development and Wellbeing
- Real Life Learning Opportunities
- Career Education

Key Elements

Impact and Progress

1

Our Venturists engage with local businesses and community champions. Feeling inspired, they want to take action.

- Skilled volunteering
- Classroom mentoring
- Engage children with your business
- Careers support
- Investing in young people

2

Our Venturists plan their projects, looking at branding and budgeting, ready to present their idea to a Dragon's Den style panel. Enterprise skills are developed, tackling real-life issues.

- Colleagues on the Dragon's Den style panel mentoring these social entrepreneurs
- Skilled volunteer workshops developing enterprise skills
- STEM and enterprise education
- Sharing expertise developing networks and relationships

3

Finally, our Venturists carry out their project and celebrate their achievements, encouraging sustainable change in the community!

- CSR impact
- Meaningful volunteering
- Investment in the community
- Powerful stories told
- Colleague wellbeing

Purpose. Impact. Results.

Turning volunteering into measurable CSR

The Venturists is an award winning, innovative programme that empowers young people to turn ideas into real social projects that make a lasting difference in their communities.

Through hands-on workshops, educational visits, and inspirational talks, students develop critical thinking, problem-solving, innovation, and other key skills that prepare them to tackle real-world challenges.

By partnering with schools, colleges, and community groups, businesses can actively contribute through skilled volunteering—mentoring students, sharing expertise and guiding project delivery.

This engagement not only enriches education by giving students practical experience and confidence, but also allows businesses to strengthen community connections, support local initiatives, and inspire the next generation of changemakers.



The Venturists are already teaming up with a thriving mix of businesses and community organisations, driving real, positive change in schools, local businesses, and charities. By joining in, your organisation can be part of this exciting movement - boosting your visibility, strengthening community connections, and making a tangible difference where it matters most.



Case Study: Vanquis Banking Group

One Project - One School

Sponsored by Vanquis Banking Group



"The Venturists opened my eyes to challenges that maybe I didn't realise were there before I did it."

- Vanquis Bank representative.

For over five years, Vanquis Banking Group volunteers have mentored Our Venturists through hands-on projects, workplace visits, and real-world challenges, helping children build confidence, leadership, and life skills. Their involvement has strengthened families, connected communities, and shown employees the power of making a tangible, lasting impact - demonstrating how business support can truly transform young lives.

- Build Future Leaders
- Strengthen Communities
- Boost Team Spirit and Pride
- Champion Wellbeing and Inclusion
- Tackle Real Social Challenges
- Support Sustainability Initiatives
- Measurable CSR
- Create Long-Term Change
- Career Education



Case Study: Cathy, Volunteer

Our volunteers transform young lives, sparking confidence, leadership, and teamwork by mentoring students to design and deliver their own meaningful community projects. Their guidance equips young people with vital skills - boosting both personal development and academic achievement. By getting involved, volunteers don't just support a project, they ignite ambition, open doors to life-changing opportunities, and empower the next generation to create real, lasting impact in their communities.

Under Cathy's mentorship in 2023–2024, a young person threw herself into two exciting Venturist projects, working alongside 22 volunteers, who contributed to 61 hours of community volunteering, from 10 organisations. This experience boosted her confidence, self-esteem, teamwork, and communication skills, and the transformation is evident both in her own eyes and in the classroom, inspiring everyone involved to see what's possible when young people are empowered.

"I have enjoyed The Venturists because I made people happy and seeing them smile and making their day better if it wasn't good already. Also, The Venturists has helped me develop the ability to talk to new people more easily." - Quote from pupil (Child G) working with Cathy.

"Through the Venturists I was lucky enough to work with child G in years 5 and 6. When I first met her she was very shy, had no confidence and didn't really want to take part. By the end of the year her confidence had grown and she had become a little more chatty. It was clear to see how much this programme had helped her push herself out of her comfort zone and leave primary school in a much better place ready to transition to secondary school." - Cathy



Case Study: Zahra, Growing Confidence, Creating Change

When Zahra joined the Venturists in Year 5, she was a quiet 10-year-old who had faced some challenging social experiences and often felt unsure of her voice. The Venturists proved transformational, helping her believe in herself and giving her the tools to take action. She created her youth social action project, 'We Are One', promoting kindness and challenging racism — a clear reflection of her ambition to “make the world a better place.”

Just three years later, Zahra is confident, determined, and passionate. Her project continues to drive real change in the community, and she has become a powerful voice for fairness, equality, and kindness.

Zahra's achievements include:

- Speaking confidently to large audiences, including at Leeds Cathedral
- Delivering anti-racism workshops with the Race Equality Network
- Writing an award-winning poem for her We Are One project
- Producing digital content that won the 'My Life My City' competition
- Winning the Young Active Citizen Award at the Bradford Community Stars Awards
- Serving on the board of the 29% Festival for her leadership
- Being invited to the YAYA Awards
- The Venturists didn't just build Zahra's skills — they unlocked her potential. Today she is empowered, taking ownership in her community and inspiring others along the way.

“I enjoy how it makes me feel inspired. I want a legacy to fight for human rights. I hope that in the future people have the right to do anything they desire.” - Zahra.

Proud mum: Salma says, “Zahra's journey has inspired the whole family - her dad returned to university to study Politics, exploring equality issues. It's kind of like a family thing now - we're all on this journey with her.” The Venturists gave Zahra the confidence she needed after facing tough experiences at school, opening the door to one opportunity after another. “The Venturists gave Zahra the confidence she needed after bullying - it's had a magical impact. She's seizing opportunities, growing into a young leader, and inspiring everyone around her.”



Join today, create change.

The Venturists sponsorship plan

<i>Packages can be adapted to suit business needs.</i>	Partner £2,000	Sponsor £4,500	Venturist £5,500	Champion £10,000
Partnership with School	✓	✓	✓	✓
Volunteering Opportunities	✓	✓	✓	✓
Community Engagement and Networking	✓	✓	✓	✓
PR and Exposure	✓	✓	✓	✓
Social Media Marketing	✓	✓	✓	✓
Website Referral Link and Logo	✓	✓	✓	✓
Digital Sponsorship Certificate	✓	✓	✓	✓
Educational Visit to Your Business - World of Work		✓	✓	✓
Impact Report		✓	✓	✓
Young People's Social Action Start-Up Fund		✓	✓	✓
Good Team Building Day			✓	✓
Bespoke Venturist Package Meeting Specific Business Needs			✓	✓
Sponsoring Multiple Schools				✓

An award winning program.

Bradford CTE Partnership Awards
Winners in 2022, 2024 and 2025
Runner-Up in 2023 and 2024.

Outstanding Educator of the Year Bradford CTE Partnership, Participate Projects, 2022
● Winner

Bradford Community Stars Award: Youth Active Citizen, Byron, 2022
● Winner

Primary School Business Science Innovation Awards, Academy at St. James', 2022
● Winner

BBC Make a Difference Award, Ryecroft, 2023
● Runner-Up

BBC Make a Difference: Green Category, Academy at St. James', 2025
● Runner-Up



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