

BEYOND UKSPF

ROLE OF VOLUNTARY & COMMUNITY SECTOR (VCS)

15



out of 18 projects funded under UKSPF led by/or have VCS organisations/partners

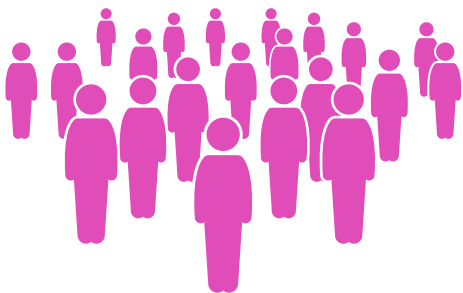
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VCS organisations were involved across the 15 projects

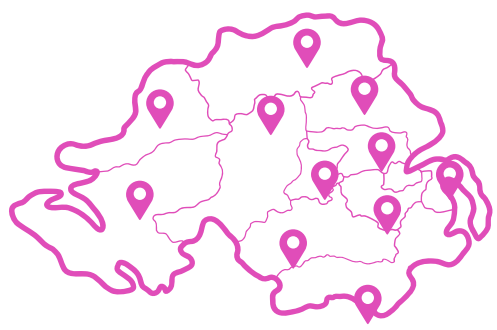
650+

staff (**403** full time staff and **247** part time staff) currently funded via UKSPF



11

council areas covered by programme delivery



6 projects covering all 11 council areas
11 projects covering the Belfast Council Area
7 projects covering Derry City & Strabane Council and Fermanagh & Omagh Council areas

23,942

beneficiaries across all projects from 23-25



DISABLED PEOPLE AND PEOPLE WITH HEALTH CONDITIONS THE LARGEST BENEFICIARIES GROUPS



6636

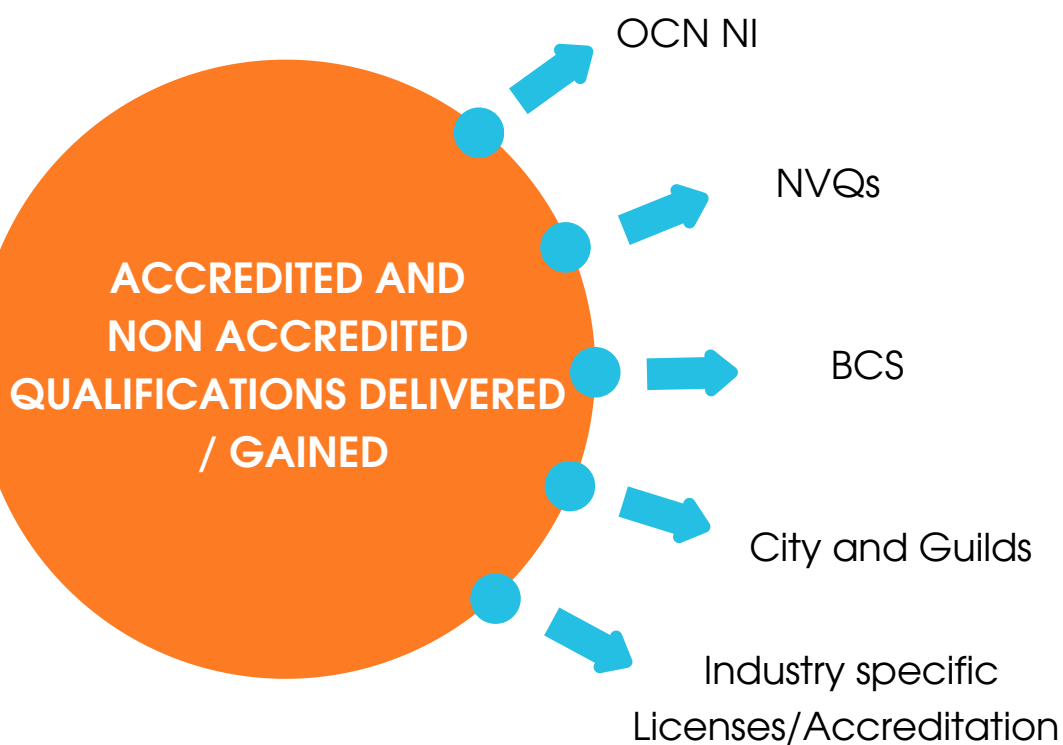
people supported into employment



8875

people progressed into further education or training





RANGE / TYPES OF QUALIFICATIONS AND TRAINING



Trades and Horticulture



IT and Digital Skills



Forklift/Crane /Digger Training & Licence



Customer Care



Literacy & Numeracy



Tourism



Creative Industries



Politics and Community Leadership



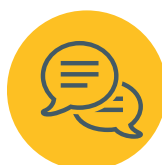
Animal Care



Life Skills



First Aid



ESOL

RANGE / TYPES OF SUPPORT

- Taster Sessions
- Outreach and Drop in services
- Group work
- Literacy and Numeracy
- Digital support
- Life Skills
- Mentoring and Coaching,
- Mental Health & Well Being Support
- Employability & Skills Pathway
- Pre-employment training/Academies

- CV & Job Search,
- Interview Preparation and support
- Advice on reasonable adjustments
- Signposting & Referral
- Financial Assistance with Travel and /or Participation costs, including Childcare
- Language services,
- Aftercare & follow up support
- In work support for individual and employers

This information was collated by NICVA via an information request to all 15 VCS consortiums or projects currently in receipt of UKSPF* funding across NI. Data has also been provided by Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government Local Funding and Investment. The data presented relates to project delivery (April 2023 to end March 2025) across these 14 consortiums/projects.

*The former UK Government committed approximately £57 million over 2 years to Northern Ireland via the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) to address economic inactivity. This funding is due to come to an end on 31 March 2026.