

### **MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

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The **importance** of businesses supporting their **community** goes far beyond good public relations. It's about building long-term trust, resilience, and mutual success. When businesses invest in the wellbeing of the community, they help build the very foundation their success depends on.

This playbook – designed for any business – provides our step-by-step guide for effective and measurable community investment.
All you need is the ambition to make a change, and that change can make a huge and lasting impact for your community.



# 10 STEPS FOR IMPACTFUL COMMUNITY INVESTMENT



# 1. SET CLEAR PURPOSE AND OUTCOMES

Be clear on why you want a community plan. Define measurable goals and meaningful outcomes. This clarity helps align your team and engage partners effectively.

#### 2. EMBED IT INTO YOUR BUSINESS

Make community investment part of your strategy. Champion it from the top, empower your employees, and build a culture that values and incentivises participation.

# 3. ALIGN WITH YOUR VALUES AND STRATEGY

Ensure your programme reflects your values, strengthens your brand and builds trust. It should feel authentic, not an add-on.

#### 4. COMMIT LONG-TERM

Back your intentions with ringfenced funding, dedicated roles and a roadmap. Real impact takes consistency and time, not one-off action.

# 5. BUILD A SCALABLE FRAMEWORK

Create a flexible model that works locally but can be delivered at scale across locations. This ensures relevance without losing coherence.

### **6. PARTNER WITH PURPOSE**

Work with trusted, experienced partners who share your values and understand local needs. Collaborate to co-design programmes that truly deliver for communities.

#### 7. ENGAGE YOUR ECOSYSTEM

Involve customers, suppliers and wider stakeholders. Make participation easy and valuable for them, especially to enable volunteering.

#### 8. OFFER MORE THAN MONEY

Leverage all of your resources – from space and expertise to time and mentoring. Tailored, but flexible support often creates the biggest impact.

## 9. MEASURE IMPACT AND SHOUT ABOUT SUCCESS

Track what matters. Focus on outcomes, not just outputs, ensure delivery partners report regularly and report your achievements.

### 10. REVIEW, REFLECT, IMPROVE

Build in feedback loops. Learn from what works, and what doesn't. Share lessons, adapt regularly and manage risks thoughtfully.