

# Testimonial



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**Works+ are a vital member of the local strategic partnership group. Together, partners reduce inequalities for our most vulnerable members of the community through the development and implementation of improvement plans across key priority areas; these include for young people, employability for people aged 50+, and emotional wellbeing.**

To-date Works+ has been fundamental to partnership work that tackles local inequalities for our most vulnerable groups and families. This has included developing an action plan to involve young people directly in progressive new processes to support our most vulnerable young people to achieve and sustain positive destinations. Additionally, Works+ have been key to the partnership strategy in widening opportunities for employability and meaningful volunteering experiences for people aged 50+. To add to that, the team at Works+ have recently worked in partnership with a local community Easter holiday programme to raise awareness of emotional wellbeing as part of their innovative '100Heads' project, where young people gained digital skills as part of a film project that saw them engaging with members of the community on the subject of feelings. Families that participated found this a meaningful, interesting and unique addition to the learning offer available in the holiday provision.

The work that Mark, Grant and Scott at Works+ achieve in their own projects and within the local partnership scene has made a real difference and is hugely valued, not to mention has achieved some excellent outcomes for their participants. Not only that, but all the while, Works+ has given a voice to some of our most vulnerable young people within key decision, policy and strategic forums, which otherwise would go unheard.

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