

Democratising entrepreneurship: libraries as engines of economic growth

A three-year economic impact analysis, January 2016 – December 2018

Driving economic growth

Helped to create
536
new businesses



*Gross Value Added

and **275**
additional jobs

£2.4m
GVA created*

Across the Business & IP Centre Network,
a payback of
£6.95
for every £1 of public money spent

Supporting diverse entrepreneurs



Of those people who used the services:

54%
were women

34%
were aged 35
and under

13%
were black,
Asian and minority
ethnic

50%
were from the most
deprived areas

19%
were disabled

Capitalising on existing assets

Delivered via the
public library network

