

# Working in Partnership

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# UKSPF: People and Skills

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**GLOUCESTERSHIRE  
EMPLOYMENT  
AND SKILLS HUB**  
**Outreach**

# ESHO: What we set out to do and why

- Engage and support economically inactive people in the County, understand their needs better, and help go into/back into employment, education and training or volunteering.
- Gloucestershire County Council bridged the gap between the GEM Project and funding from the Districts' UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) in March 2024 by providing £600k of funding.
- Each of the six Gloucestershire Districts has provided UKSPF funding.

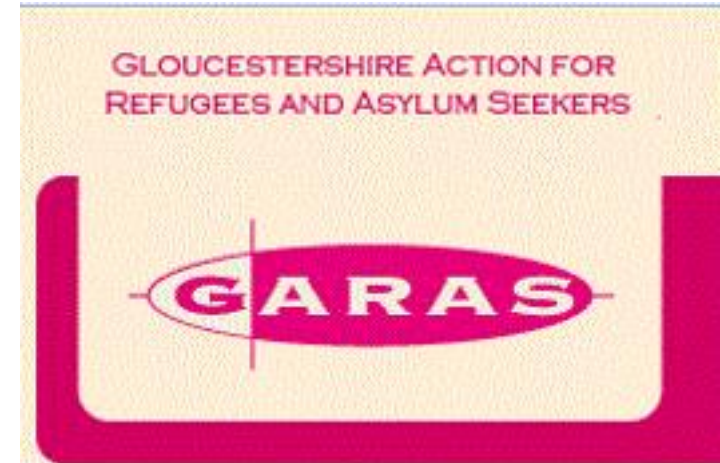
# What our support looks like



# Our Gloucestershire District Delivery Partners

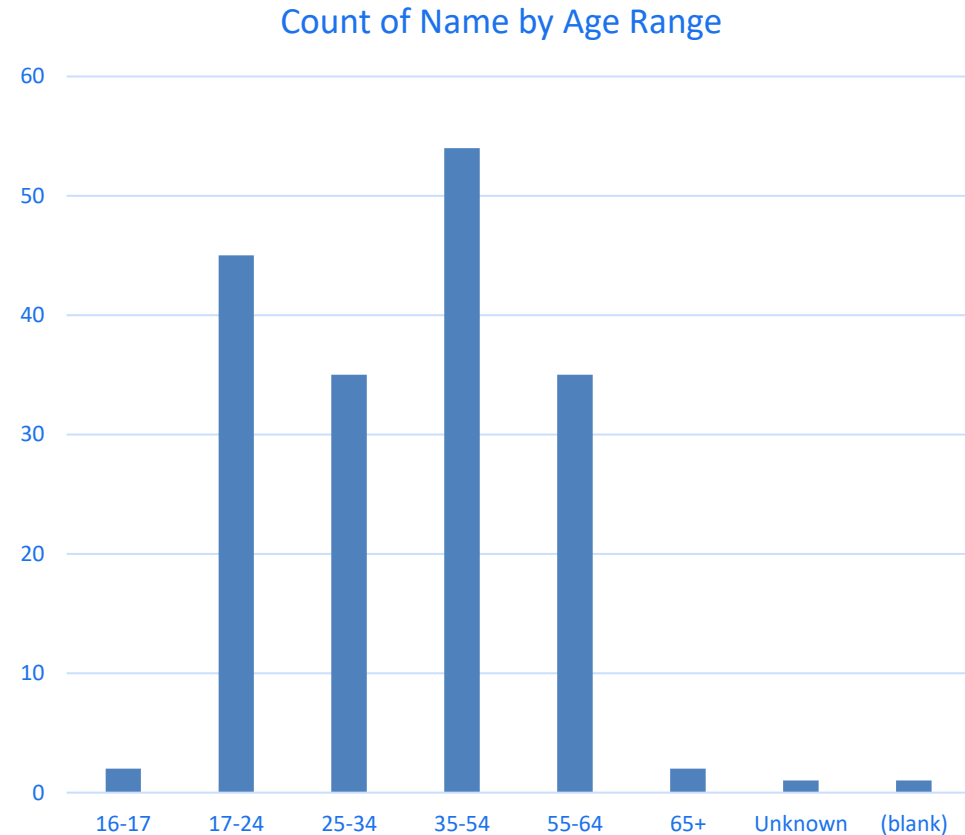


## Our specialist countywide training partners



# Referrals

- Total Referrals – 313 (to 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023)
- 63% declared a disability or health condition
- 35% do not claim any benefit
- 47% claim Universal Credit
- 11% claim Employment and Support Allowance
- 27% are from ethnic minorities
- 68% referrals come through partner organisations and 18% through E & S Hub triage



# Total outcomes to date

To 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023:

Into employment  
71

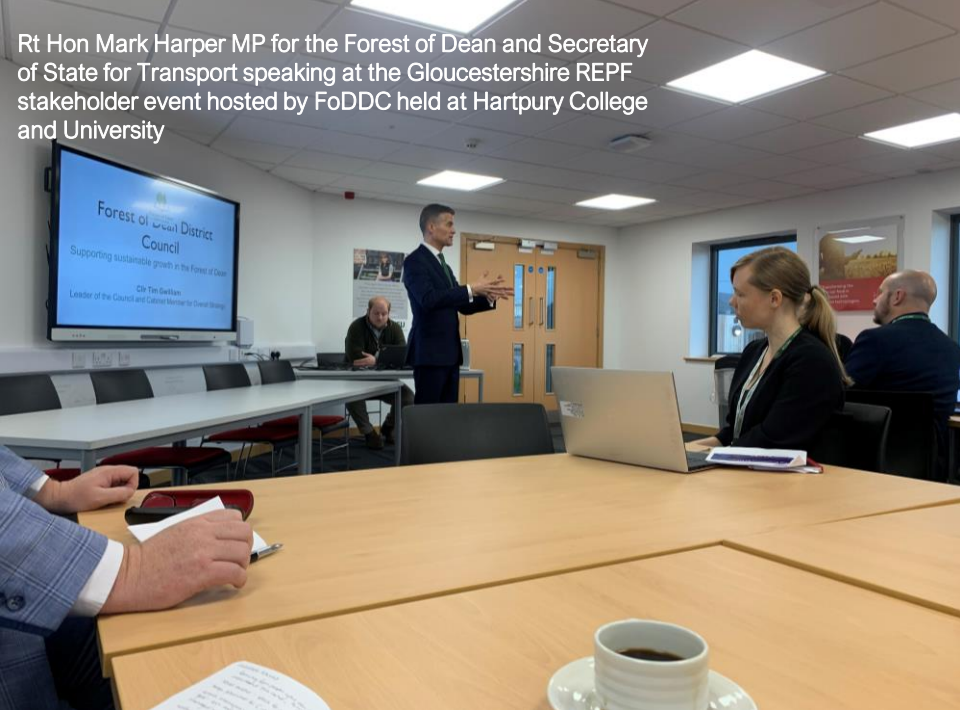
Into education/training  
34

Into volunteering  
53





Rt Hon Mark Harper MP for the Forest of Dean and Secretary of State for Transport speaking at the Gloucestershire REPF stakeholder event hosted by FoDDC held at Hartpury College and University



Members of the Farming and agricultural community attending the Gloucestershire REPF stakeholder event hosted by FoDDC at Hartpury College and University.



# Rural England Prosperity Fund

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- 4 REPF eligible LA's in Gloucestershire
- REPF stakeholder event - Leader of the Council and MP in attendance – 21 Oct 2022
- Hosted at Hartpury University's Agri-Tech Centre
- Gloucestershire County Council presented economic baseline data
- Collaborative approach for REPF delivery welcomed

# REPF Business Grant & Village Hall Grant Schemes

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- Tewkesbury Borough & Stroud District Councils stepped away during project design
- FoDDC & CDC collaboration agreed with single LA lead on legal & procurement activity
- External contractors identified to promote, administer & monitor:
  1. Rural Business Grant Scheme – open market tender selected ALP Synergy Ltd
  2. Village Hall Improvement Grant scheme – direct award to GRCC
- Grant delivery partners funded from UKSPF revenue funding

# THE GROWTH HUB

UKSPF: Business Support

# Gloucestershire Growth Hub Network

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- GFirst Local Enterprise Partnership & University of Gloucestershire – 3 tiers of access
- EU ERDF capital funding supported the creation of the hub workspaces
- UKSPF revenue funding needed to continue Growth Hub Network core costs from April 2023 - March 2025
- All Gloucestershire Districts worked together to agree £79,000 from UKSPF – UKSPF Investment Plan amendment & formal reporting
- In FoDDC, Gfirst LEP had to submit an EOI and Cabinet approval was required to support the UKSPF Investment Plan amendment