

## **Libraries Unlimited's 25/26 Teignbridge Clean Growth and Decarbonisation Proposal**

Libraries Unlimited would like the opportunity to build off our success achieved for Business support in Teignbridge 24/25 (**20 Decarbonisation Plans, 827 Event Attendees and 232 Businesses supported**) and evolve our offering. Building upon our district wide reputation for providing excellent support centred around delivery in Newton Abbott, we would like to expand upon that and **offer more support/outreach/events at different locations** across the district, such as Ashburton, Bovey Tracey, Dawlish, Mortenhampstead and Teignmouth for example.

**We would provide (as in 24/25) 3 separate business support programmes including “Women in Business”, a Pre-Startup and Advance Business Support through workshops, webinars, coworking and networking events.** We anticipate running each programme over 6-7 weeks, running in June, September and November. We also will continue to create communities and support the efforts of the chambers of commerce and existing networks through collaborations.

**Our programmes are designed as incubators and accelerators, accordingly.** We can host 40 businesses on each programme, but if we are oversubscribed, we will be able to signpost businesses to other regional programmes, such as NatWest's Growth Accelerator programmes, which is free to join.

Mentoring- **We will offer mentoring to 10 businesses in Teignbridge** through our selection of excellent mentors. These mentoring sessions will be over 3 months, with 1:1 access to experienced mentors.

The BIPC Programme (Business and Intellectual Property Programme delivered by Libraries Unlimited) is directly cited in the Government's “Help to Start-up” and “Help to scale-up and Grow” programmes as the place to get free resources for your business. We already coordinate our programme to ensure we do not duplicate but instead compliment the services provided by these programmes.

In addition to these programmes, **we will provide Net Zero and Decarbonisation consultancy for 20 Teignbridge based businesses.** The output of the support will be a tailored carbon footprint and Decarbonisation Plan to each business, similar to the reports generated for Teignbridge businesses in 24/25.

As sustainability is relevant to all stages of SMEs, **we will run 2 sustainability-based workshops**, covering net-zero, decarbonisation, developing your carbon strategy and understanding your carbon footprint throughout the delivery period.

The whole project will be overseen and managed by Richard Love, who successfully delivered last year's clean Growth and Decarbonisation project on behalf of Libraries Unlimited.

We anticipate that with the reduced timeframe for delivery (Based on procurement achieved in early May) and reduced funding for 25/26, **we will work with 120 businesses and attract 600 attendees to our programmes, as well as 20 tailored Decarbonisation plans in 25/26.**

The cost to Deliver the 25/26 Project will be £90,000.00.

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