



COMMUNITY

IMPACT

REPORT

2019-2025

OUR STORY SO FAR

When lockdown hit in March 2020, everything changed. Schools shut indefinitely, and we quickly saw that families we worked with were struggling.

In 2019, we started working on Step Up, a community-based programme, collaborating with Stockport County & Stockport Council, helping children build confidence and connection as they move from primary to secondary school. Most of our work had previously taken place in schools, supporting young people to grow self-belief and get future-ready.

With schools closed, we knew we had to adapt. If young people were now at home, that's where our work needed to be too. Many couldn't access online learning and lacked even the basics: books, crayons, activity sheets, anything to stay busy and keep learning. We used what surplus we had to create and distribute simple learning packs – something tangible to let families know they weren't alone.

At the same time, we were piloting Wave of Change. The Goodness Collective had approached us with a question: could we adapt our work with young people to support women? They'd seen how our approach helped young people find direction and believed it could do the same for women. We agreed – because whether you're 10 or 60, having the self-belief and support to shape your own path can be powerful and life-changing.

From these strands – Step Up, lockdown support and Wave of Change – PIE Community grew organically. As it developed, we saw how closely connected community and education really are. Families who'd received support got involved in other activities, women introduced their children to wider projects – it all started to join up.

During lockdown, we were already supporting families through holiday activities and practical help, like food vouchers for women we knew were going hungry so they could feed their children. When Marcus Rashford launched his school meals campaign, people asked how they could help. We launched a donation page and raised over £2,000 in 24 hours.

That moment sparked a tradition. Now, every Christmas, the community comes together to support their neighbours. That's what PIE is all about: connecting people, showing them they have something valuable to offer, and helping shape more positive futures, for themselves and for others.

Since then, PIE Community has continued to grow. This is our first Community Impact Report: a chance to reflect on what we've achieved, celebrate the people who make it possible, and open the door for others to join us.

PIE has always been about the people who get involved – whether as volunteers, partners or simply by sharing an idea. So if you're curious about how you might support or get involved, we'd love to hear from you!

The PIE Team



Programmes & Services

Activity	Description	Who It's For	Key Outputs
Step Up (since 2019)	Experiential life skills programme for students transitioning to secondary school	Year 6/7 students	112 students supported 15+ schools to date
HAF Holiday Activities and Food Programme (since 2021)	Free holiday activities and meals: sports, creativity, trips, and learning	Children eligible for free school meals	36 sessions annually 130+ sessions to date 2,600+ meals provided 400+ children supported to date
L!STEN Youth Alliance (since 2023)	Gathering and amplifying young people's perspectives on key issues	Young people across Stockport	15+ schools & colleges 100+ partners 100s of youth voices heard monthly
Including: L!STEN Steering Group	Youth panel leading L!STEN projects and events	Youth Changemakers	20+ young people meet monthly regular insights shared with decision-makers
L!STEN Youth Summit	Annual youth-led forum for ideas, issues, and solutions	Secondary school students, local organisations & leaders	200+ attendees 15+ schools and colleges 100+ organisations participate annually
L!STEN Wellbeing Festival	Annual youth-led event focussed on fun and wellbeing	Young people and families across Stockport	100+ young people engaged 10+ organisations delivering activities annually
Community & Family Activities (since 2020)	Mobilising crowdfunding and community effort to respond to local needs to provide e.g. warm packs, Christmas gifts and food parcels	Families and young people across Stockport	£3,000+ crowdfunded 50 organisations involved 400+ children supported 1,200+ gift bags distributed

Collaborations

Wave of Change In Partnership with: The Goodness Collective (since 2020)	Confidence-building and skills development through workshops, mentoring, and community projects	Economically inactive women in Stockport	Wave of Change 10 core programmes delivered 200+ women supported
Spin-off projects: - Creative Wavers - Walking Wavers	Follow-on initiatives for ongoing connection, staying active, creative and moving forward		Creative Wavers 57 participants 12 creative sessions delivered 9 ventures supported 12 participant-led sessions
			Walking Wavers 25+ walking events 100+ participants to date
Make Good and Listen In partnership with: Make Build Grow (since 2023)	Young people co-design future care services through creative, lived-experience approaches	Care-experienced young people	13 sessions 8 young people supported
Various Projects In partnership with Starting Point Learning Partnership and Start Point Coffee Shop (since 2019)	Collaborative initiatives include HAF, STUFF Magazine, and digital skills support sessions	Young People who live in and around Stockport (Woodley & Bredbury focus)	10+ programmes hosted 4+ years of HAF collaborations 2,000+ lunches purchased from Start Point Coffee Shop

THE DIFFERENCE PIE MAKES

Empowerment

PIE gives people space to speak up, lead and take on new roles. Through real experiences they grow in confidence and discover their potential.

"I feel like I'm doing something meaningful. I have much bigger aspirations for the future, and PIE has made me feel I'm capable of them." **Rex, LISTEN Participant**

"PIE gives people the confidence to maybe make the leap and do something. It helped me have that belief in myself that I've got something to give and I can do a good job."
Rachael, Wave of Change Participant

"PIE gives you the ability to do these activities even if you're scared, it shows that you can try new things and be brave." **Step Up Participant**

"PIE gave me the opportunity to lead, which is something I never thought I'd do." **LISTEN Participant**

"PIE picks up these kids and nurtures them and makes them feel special and brilliant and like they can take on the world." **Becky Larnar, Willmott Dixon**

Connectedness

PIE brings people together through creative projects, shared experiences, and peer support – helping build genuine relationships and a sense of belonging.

"PIE have an ability to connect people who need one another... it's brilliant how they build relationships that will keep going." **Community Stakeholder**

"They create an environment where there's this sense of belonging - Wavers meet up for walks and stay in touch and young people make new friends and connections."
Jen Samani, Make Build Grow

"PIE offers me a space where I feel part of something bigger." **LISTEN Participant**

"Some of our Wavers are very socially isolated at first. Now they come to walks, events, they might take their kids to HAF, building their network where before they mightn't have known anybody." **Simone Callaghan, The Goodness Collective**

These themes are drawn from in-depth interviews, focus groups, and surveys, highlighting what's changed, what's mattered, and what's stayed with the people PIE has supported.

Broader Horizons

PIE creates experiences that help people see beyond their current situation – stepping out of their comfort zone, exploring new paths, and moving toward a different future.

"PIE gives young people experiences they're unlikely to get anywhere else. This is so powerful. You ask yourself, what would this young person be like if they'd not come into contact with PIE? They're planting the seeds for a child's brighter future." **Vic Turnbull, MIC Media**

"Working with PIE has been an inspiring journey – it's pushed me to grow, challenged me to aim higher, and connected me with a community that truly believes in excellence." **Will, LISTEN Participant**

"Wave of Change has reconnected me to my past to help my future. I'm not 100% sure what, but know I want to get out there! It's given me confidence to explore new areas, connect with my interests and just give things a try."
Wave of Change Participant

"Going to London was a big thing for me – it was really cool to travel somewhere very big, especially by yourself. Because I haven't really explored the UK that much, it was quite an experience. I felt very lucky to have this opportunity. It felt like something once in a lifetime."
Victoria, LISTEN Participant

"I've seen people blossom in their lives – they have started new paths they didn't think were for them before."
Nicola, Wave of Change Participant

"I go to places now I see a wider part of the world, and I've actually managed to make a difference to my community."
Artemis, LISTEN Participant

"Because of PIE, I am now part of this big creative network which is amazing - we are allies and cheerleaders for each other and I have so many opportunities now. I used to feel alone but now I feel part of the community and part of something."
Sarah, Wave of Change Participant

Community Participation

PIE offers real opportunities for people to get involved – shaping events, sharing ideas, and bringing projects to life and actively contributing to their community.

"I've learned to help my community, become more confident and made friends along the way."

L!STEN Participant

"The children at our school helped create some Christmas gift bags for the local community with PIE. That act of kindness made them feel good about themselves and their ability to help others."

"I'm doing a lot more activities in my local area, stuff that helps the local community, like helping kids transition to high school. I've developed a connection and found something I really like doing."

Elle, L!STEN Participant



Life Skills

PIE equips people with everyday skills like communication, teamwork, and resilience. Through hands-on projects and peer support, they grow more self-reliant, capable and ready for what's next.

"PIE are constantly looking at ways to change people's perceptions from 'I can't' to 'I can'."

Becky Larner, Willmott Dixon

"My confidence and pride in what I do have increased, especially in public speaking and taking leadership roles."

L!STEN Participant

"Seeing children who were painfully shy and withdrawn gradually build confidence and become talkative and engaging with activities shows the impact of PIE's work."

Fiona Berry, Stockport Council

"I have learnt how to reach out, finding the right people to ask the right questions."

Wave of Change Participant

"My daughter is far more confident now putting herself forward for things like applying for jobs, emailing and calling with questions."

Parent, L!STEN Participant

Wellbeing

PIE creates space for people to feel valued and supported. Through shared activities they build confidence, ease anxiety, and grow stronger together.

"My overall mental health is better, and my confidence. I feel like someone's got my back."

Wave Of Change Participant

"Being involved with PIE has helped my daughter with her anxiety and keeps her busy rather than worrying about me and my health."

Parent

"PIE gives me a positive view of the future."

L!STEN Participant

"Overall my wellbeing and mental health has improved from knowing that I help make a difference."

Step Up and Youth Summit Participant

"It has really positively affected my mental health, the meeting, walking and activities have all provided some me-time that I didn't have before."

Kelly, Wave of Change Participant

Confidence & Personal Growth

PIE helps build self-belief, especially for those who feel anxious, overlooked, or unsure. Participants discover their capabilities and gain the confidence to go further.

"I've seen women shed the negative experiences and feelings holding them back and find new friends, opportunities and levels of confidence."

Stakeholder

"Wave of Change has restored the confidence I had before, it gave me that back, I thought I'd lost it."

Gill, Wave of Change Participant

"Being able to do the speech was a huge thing for me. Like even three months before, I wouldn't have been able to do it. Then it got to the day, and I told myself, just do it!"

L!STEN Participant

"Last year's IWD event was a powerful example. The women didn't just participate – they designed, planned, and delivered it. The shift in their confidence was incredible, showing just how much they have to offer."

Simone Callaghan, The Goodness Collective

"PIE's approach encourages people to shift their mindset from self-doubt to confidently recognising and using their strengths. It's not just new skills they gain, it's the confidence to take on challenges and believe in their potential."

Community Stakeholder

PIE'S COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES

Take a look at PIE Community's programmes, activities and services in more detail...



WAVE OF CHANGE



An 8-month programme helping young people move confidently from Year 6 to Year 7, building friendships, skills and self-belief. It starts in the last term of Year 6, with fun, inclusive activities helping children feel less anxious about the move to high school. They try new things, explore their local area, and build early connections with future schoolmates.

Support continues into Year 7, where participants become peer mentors, growing in confidence and leadership as they support the next cohort. Delivered in partnership with local schools.

Outcomes & Impact

- Stronger friendships and peer connections
- Greater confidence, belonging and self-esteem
- Early leadership and mentoring experience
- A smoother, more supported transition to high school

Testimonials

"Step Up helped me make new friends and now I can help others settle into High School."

Sonny, Participant

"My sister was a part of the Step Up Programme and I've seen first-hand come out of her shell. She developed the ability to just make more friends, and she became a lot brighter, a lot happier. It really helped her." **Will, Sibling**

"Step Up made me feel I can be a leader."

Participant

"My daughter has found the confidence to talk to new people and make new friends. This will stick with her for life." **Amanda, Parent**

"Step Up made me feel calm and not as anxious."

Participant

"It helped me be more confident to try new things. I learned that it's ok to make mistakes, the peer mentors really helped me."

Andrea, Participant.

"My daughter has made friends with people she wants to keep in touch with. She feels more resilient and confident." **Parent**

"The added confidence has allowed my son to totally smash his start to high school, getting star awards and positive letters from teachers about his progress." **Parent**

"The programme has given my daughter the foundations to achieve anything she sets her mind to." **Parent**



HAF

Holiday and Food Activities

PIE's HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) programmes provide free, inclusive holiday sessions for children, young people, and families. With activities including creative workshops, games, cinema trips, and teen drop-ins at Stockport County, these sessions offer a chance to have fun, connect, and try new things. These sessions aren't just about keeping busy – they're about having enriching experiences, making memories and giving families a positive, supported holiday experience.

Testimonials

"PIE's activities gives children opportunities to experience things they might not ordinarily know about. They discover interests, talents, sometimes work avenues. And these are things that will change lives." **Headteacher**

"I've seen kids going from being non-verbal to getting completely involved, the difference is huge." **HAF Partner**

"It is an amazing service to the community, children gain experiences they wouldn't get the chance to. The team is excellent and friendly, providing fun activities and giving children a chance to develop and grow. My children love going." **Parent**

Key Outputs

- 130+ sessions delivered to date
- 36 sessions annually
- 2,000+ meals provided
- 400+ children supported to date

Wider Community

Other Community Support

PIE's community support goes beyond structured programmes, using local connections to spot and respond to emerging needs. What began with food parcels during lockdown has grown into an annual crowdfunding campaign, with businesses, schools, and local families coming together to create and distribute warm packs, Christmas gifts, and Easter treats for those who might otherwise go without.

Key Outputs

- £4,000+ crowdfunded
- 50+ organisations involved
- 1,200+ food & gift bags distributed

Testimonials

"Delivering Christmas gifts from PIE this year was beyond heart-warming. Seeing smiles and the relief on faces from mums whose children will never know they maybe can't afford those things." **Teacher**

"PIE always remember which families need extra support at Christmas, like when they provided food bags for families in need. It's these thoughtful actions that make a big difference." **Stakeholder**



Case Study: All Saints C of E Primary

“Partnering with PIE has made a huge difference to us – it has opened doors to support, to networks, and to things we simply couldn’t access as a school alone. Thanks to PIE’s partnership with Willmott Dixon, we’ve been able to run a regular Construction Club for children who might not usually take part in other activities. One child, whose school attendance had been very low, started coming to the club – it was the first time I saw them engage with others and with an adult. They built the best structure at the first event, and you could see how proud they felt. You can’t put a price on that.

“PIE’s work opens a whole new avenue for children to dream big by being given opportunities they wouldn’t otherwise have.”

PIE has also helped our families directly – at Christmas they deliver huge gift bags to children who would otherwise have very little. It brings tears to your eyes when you hear the children talking about what Father Christmas brought. It’s so precious, and families are so grateful.

The kindness PIE shows is endless – not just in what they give, but in how they give it. What they offer helps families feel valued and included. From warm bags and advent calendars to Netflix vouchers and popcorn, everything is chosen with thought and care. It’s all done quietly, with dignity, and always focused on what will really make a difference.

The children at our school have had so many different experiences with PIE, like visiting a museum with cameras, going to a football stadium, going on a train. Those things are just huge, those life experiences. Being able to come back to school and share what they’d done in the holidays – when typically they wouldn’t have anything to say – that is such an important thing for those children.

The opportunities and experiences children at our school are getting through PIE will, without a doubt, shape their outlook and perspectives on their lives and futures – and these are things that can truly change lives for the better.”

Kate Noble, Co-Headteacher



The L!STEN Youth Alliance is Stockport's youth voice programme, run by PIE in partnership with Stockport Council. It engages young people across schools, colleges and community groups to ensure their voices are heard and influence the decisions that affect them.

Each month, borough-wide surveys on key issues such as mental health, education, safety and politics reach hundreds of young people via schools, social media and youth networks.

A core group of 20 diverse youth leaders – the L!STEN Steering Group – design surveys, analyse results, and share insights with senior council leaders to shape policy, improve services, and inform the annual Youth Summit. The Steering Group also plans and delivers the annual Youth Summit and Wellbeing Event, creating space for young people to connect, be heard and drive local action.

Key Outputs

- 100s of youth voices heard monthly
- 20+ young leaders shaping change
- 5,000+ surveys completed
- 15+ schools and 50+ partners involved



Youth Summits

Annual youth-led event bringing together schools, colleges and local leaders to explore key issues such as wellbeing, climate, community, and future opportunities.

15+ schools and colleges | 200+ young people participate | 20+ workshops delivered | 10 senior council leaders and partners involved | 100+ pledges for local action

"PIE actually make people listen. Like getting young people into council chambers to speak directly to the people who lead. That's powerful."
L!STEN Stakeholder

Wellbeing Festivals

Annual, youth-led summer event focused on wellbeing, creativity and connection for young people.

100+ young people participate | 10+ local organisations involved | Free & inclusive

"What PIE have done with the Youth Summit is no mean feat. To bring all those schools together and for those young people to be heard and know they actually can effect change in their borough is massive."
Becky Larner, Willmott Dixon

Testimonials

"The L!STEN Youth Summit is a real success and one of the highlights of the student leadership calendar. It increases pupils' appetite to engage with local and school based enrichment."

Teacher, Partner School, Stockport

"PIE have been a vital link to the community and helped me to understand the experiences, wants and needs of young people in Stockport. I personally feel I have a better understanding of what young people want and have better connections to this age group in the community thanks to PIE."

Stakeholder

"The Youth Summit gave me the chance to get my voice out."

Youth Summit Participant

"It felt like I had actually done something that had a worthy change. Interviewing Tim and Philippa on the stage was nice – it made me feel like I was talking to someone important and made me feel valued."

Ellie, L!STEN Steering Group

"Speaking with a local MP about their achievements was a real highlight for my son."

Parent

"The L!STEN Alliance has been successful in bringing together and representing young people's voices across Stockport. It will definitely have a lasting impact in the community."

Fiona Berry, Stockport Council

"I've personally observed young people joining L!STEN who were shy and reluctant to share their views go on to arrange well-being events and speak at Youth Summits and grow in confidence."

Donna Higgins, Stockport Council

"It feels like people are actually listening to young people – giving us a space to talk about what matters to us."

L!STEN Participant

"Since doing all this stuff - like speaking on the stage twice and being on the youth panel I've got more self-belief that I can do things that I wouldn't have before, which means I do more things I wouldn't have tried before."

Rex, L!STEN Steering Group

"I used to just do things and see it as opportunity to put it on my CV but now, when we do the monthly questionnaires, I see a problem and I actually want to change it and do something for the better. I'm going to take politics now at A-level, and then I want to go and make a difference."

Will, L!STEN Steering Group

"The L!STEN Youth Summit gives pupils confidence, particularly when speaking to their peers. They feel heard, seen and valued. The prevent sessions are brilliant and engaging. I just wish more pupils could attend!"

Dominique Rarity, St James', Cheadle

"Because of LISTEN, young people are heard. That was pretty non-existent before and it's not something that happens in many places."

Jess, L!STEN Steering Group

"PIE has changed my daughter for the better. She has grown into a strong, independent, empathetic and confident person, not afraid to speak out when needed."

Parent

"I am incredibly pleased with our partnership with PIE. Their commitment to amplifying the voices of young people has been invaluable. Through their thoughtful approach and dedication, they have consistently provided us with insightful, impactful youth perspectives that have directly influenced the decisions we make."

**Donna Higgins,
Stockport Council**

L!STEN

Testimonials

Case Study: Evie, L!STEN Steering Group Member

"I first got involved with PIE about two years ago when Dylan from Skylight introduced me. I got involved with STUFF Magazine and I was also at the very first L!STEN meeting – since then it has grown massively. We come up with the questions that go out to the community and then share feedback on what we hear. I really enjoy being part of that.

"Working with PIE
I've seen myself
turn into a very
different person to
who I was two
years ago."

My role has really grown, I volunteer regularly now, helping organise events and supporting younger people on trips. It's been great to be trusted and to know I can make a difference.

The Youth Summit has been a big part of my journey. Last year, as one of just five L!STEN members, I gave a speech in front of 250 people. I was terrified, but I did it, and afterwards I was like, 'Let's go again!' This year, I helped behind the scenes, managing social media and making sure everything ran smoothly. Hearing how much people got from the event made me really proud, even if I'm just a small piece of the puzzle.

A couple of years ago, I had no clue what I wanted to do. I'd left school without the GCSEs I needed for my college course and ended up dropping out of a course I had no interest in. I felt like my life was over. But then PIE came along and helped me build confidence and stop waiting for someone else to help me.

Looking back, I'm amazed at how much I've grown. PIE sparked that change – giving me the confidence to just try things, even when I'm anxious. Being involved with PIE has helped me figure out what I want to do with my life. It was like a light bulb went off, and I realised that I really want to work with young people and help them. While a lot of people my age just want to go out, I'm more focused on what I can do to be better and help my community. It just feels good to be making a difference and giving back to Stockport."



Collaborations

Some of the key collaborations that shape PIE's work: rooted in shared purpose, bringing people and ideas together for community-led change.

The Goodness Collective

PIE and The Goodness Collective have worked together since 2020, teaming up on creative, community-led initiatives, including Wave of Change and its spin-offs: Creative Wavers and Walking Wavers, plus a range of inclusive community activities.

Wave of Change

Empowering women in Stockport to grow, connect and move forward

Wave of Change supports women to build confidence, grow skills, and take their next steps – into work, education, volunteering, or reconnecting with what matters to them. Through personal development, creative activities, and peer connection, women join workshops, mentoring, and community projects, with opportunities to lead and share ideas. The Wave community keeps growing through spin-off projects and events.

Average increases (out of 10) in Confidence: **+2.7** | Motivation **+2.3** | Resilience **+2.2** | Community Connection **+2.2**.

Key Outputs

- 10 core programmes delivered
- 200+ women supported since 2020
- £30K+ reinvested in the local social economy



Creative Wavers

Creativity for wellbeing, confidence and income

Women explore and trial creative ideas through peer-led workshops, pop-up events and community showcases | **12** creative workshops | **57** women engaged | **12** participant-led sessions | **9** local enterprises supported.

Walking Wavers

Wellbeing through connection and movement

A relaxed, drop-in walking group helping women stay active, connected and supported beyond Wave of Change | **25+** walking events | **100+** participants to date | Lasting networks and friendships.

Testimonials

"Wave of Change is an incredible programme, it opens your world and throws you all over and out there! It gave me the courage to try things. It gently challenged me with supportive scaffolding. I have never done anything like it! And we've all found a real joy in watching others achieve their goals too."
Clare, Wave Of Change Participant

"The women on Wave of Change come up with ideas and solutions. They plan, build, and lead projects which boosts their confidence and shows them that they can make a difference." **Partner Organisation**

"Just when I was losing hope about finding work, Wave of Change opened me up to new opportunities. I could use my new skills and confidence when I found a job and started work straight away."
Wave Of Change Participant

Starting Point Community Learning Partnership

PIE and Starting Point Community Learning Partnership have collaborated since 2019 to create positive opportunities for young people – sharing space, ideas, and support through projects like Pieces of the PIE, STUFF magazine, and youth-led projects.

“Working with PIE has allowed us to offer young people an expressive and creative avenue to show off who they are, what matters to them, what they are proud of and what they are looking to change about the world.” Nicola Wallace Dean, Starting Point Community Learning Partnership

Stockport County FC Community Trust

A valued partner since PIE Community’s first project in 2019, Stockport County FC Community Trust collaborates on HAF, Step Up, match day tickets for the community, plus team support and resources.

“Our collaboration with PIE has been a powerful example of what’s possible when shared values and community-driven goals come together to create lasting impact.” Dave Wardle, SCFC Community Trust

Make Build Grow

Providing creative sessions since 2020, Make Build Grow has become a key collaborative partner for PIE, co-creating impactful projects that empower young people, including those care experienced.

“Collaborating with PIE is always wonderful because I feel their values around working with young people align with my own.” Jen Samani, Make Build Grow



Case Study: Rachael

“I discovered PIE’s Wave of Change during lockdown when I was home with my three young children. I’d taken a break from working in HR and education to focus on my family, but I felt disconnected. I didn’t grow up in Stockport and I hadn’t found my community and didn’t feel like I belonged. My confidence was low, and I’d suffered with anxiety. Wave of Change gave me space to reflect, connect and feel part of something again. It was welcoming, supportive and helped me think about my future.

Looking back, I can’t believe how far I’ve come – I was feeling isolated and lacking confidence and now I deliver training and support others to reach their potential, in a role I’m genuinely proud of.

It’s been lovely to see my son get involved with PIE too. He’s now regularly involved with L!STEN, where he’s helped plan events and taken part in the Youth Summit – he was nervous, but he did it and came out really proud of himself. PIE has given him chances to travel, meet new people, and step out of his comfort zone – experiences he wouldn’t have elsewhere, helping him grow in ways school alone couldn’t.”

“PIE connects people whose paths wouldn’t normally cross, and gives them the space to grow and move forward.”

PIE'S WIDER IMPACT

PIE's work goes far beyond individual outcomes – it strengthens communities, connects people, and builds resilience across families, schools, and local systems.

Here's how:

Strong & connected communities

PIE's work helps weave a stronger social fabric, building trust, belonging and collaboration across families, generations and backgrounds:

- Brings diverse people together through shared experiences and inclusive activities.
- Builds lasting connections across families, communities and groups.

"I'm now almost like a bridge between my school community and my local community - I can share ideas and make a difference in school and then that reaches outside as well." **Artemis, LISTEN Steering Group**

"PIE is changing how people connect, support each other and solve shared problems."
Simone Callaghan, The Goodness Collective

"It's like they get the whole family involved – there's always a wider context to their support."
Partner Organisation

"PIE have created this legacy of mutual support. Young people make new friends and connections, Wavers that keep meeting up for walks, and there's various WhatsApp groups, events and activities going on, various stuff they can tap into and enjoy being part of something". **Partner Organisation**

"PIE creates bonds between people from all backgrounds." **Wave of Change Participant**



Bridging the gaps

PIE steps in where there are gaps, linking people to support, services, and each other to make sure no one is left behind:

- Signposts people to wider support.
- Bridges families, schools, and services.

"PIE is filling a gap that other things don't meet, really, that bridge in between things."
Rachael, Wave of Change Participant

"PIE is great at getting people to find out about all the different stuff that's available on their doorstep and connecting them to opportunities and support." **Jen Samani, Make Build Grow**

"PIE have been a vital link to the community and allowed us to engage with people we'd have otherwise missed."
Partner Organisation

“PIE’s ability to connect, nurture and better young people’s lives are second to none. They don’t helicopter into places either, they build strong relationships with schools and other organisations and this is the cornerstone of successful projects with young people.”

Vic Turnbull, MIC Media

Creating Ripples of Opportunity

PIE sparks change that spreads – people carry forward what they’ve gained or pass it on, creating new opportunities for others:

- People discover new possibilities for a different future for themselves and their communities.
- Many who’ve been supported go on to inspire, encourage, and open doors for others.

“Working with PIE has made a difference to how I connect to people in the work I do. I’ve seen how they help people who’ve had their confidence knocked realise they’ve got amazing skills – they just need that first break. It’s inspired me to think the same way, to think, ‘Who can I give their first opportunity?’”

Jen Samani, Make Build Grow

“Lots of children don’t get the chance to develop aspirations. To find out about working in a museum, being a photographer, construction work – experiences they get through PIE – can help break the cycle of long-term unemployment that some families face.”

Kate Noble, All Saints C of E Primary School

“I wanted to give people the experience that I had on Wave of Change – now I mirror some of that in my work supporting parents.”

Rachael, Wave of Change Participant

Stronger Local Links for Greater Impact

PIE brings people and organisations together to share power, resources, ideas and responsibility to achieve more:

- Builds trusted partnerships that lead to ethical collaboration and shared outcomes.
- Strengthens local economies by keeping skills, funding, and opportunities rooted in the community.

“PIE is great at recognising what’s needed in the community and building connections. They know who to bring in to support the work and create meaningful collaborations that benefit the people they work with.” **Partner Organisation**

“They bring together corporates, community groups, social enterprises and the voluntary sector, all working together for the greater good. It means that more people listen – because it’s a big enough voice.”

Community Stakeholder

“PIE doesn’t try to do everything themselves. They work in partnership, sharing the work and the budget ethically. It’s about thinking, ‘Who else can we involve? How can we keep money in the local economy?’ They challenge themselves to make better, more conscious choices that benefit the community.”

Simone Callaghan, The Goodness Collective

“I’m able to deliver on better outcomes because of PIE’s connections: they connect me with the people that need me the most.”

Becky Larner, Willmott Dixon



Growing Changemakers

PIE nurtures a culture of community engagement and local pride – showing people they can create change and inspiring them to pass that on:

- Inspires people to lead, mentor, and give back.
- Creates pathways into volunteering and social action.

"PIE gave me my first opportunity, and now in my own social enterprise, I'm trying to repay that by giving opportunities to women and young people too. That's the wider impact of them investing in me." **Partner Organisation**

"I feel like I'm a lot more involved in society and doing change and I feel like what I'm doing is making a big impact."

Victoria, LISTEN Steering Group

"I think PIE is opening people's minds – showing that individuals and communities can lead change, and that it works." **Partner Organisation**

"At the start I didn't know anybody but gained confidence. In future I will help others who feel the same." **Step Up Participant**



"I think there will be a ripple effect from the women and young people PIE work with. Where they've been given opportunities, they'll continue to support others too."

**Jen Samani,
Make, Build, Grow**

Reducing Pressure on Public Services

PIE helps people before they reach crisis point. They build confidence, wellbeing, and problem-solving skills, reducing the load on health, care, and crisis services:

- Builds resilience, skills and encourages positive choices that prevent future crises.
- Supports wellbeing, creates safe spaces to share challenges.

"You're either in crisis and flooded with support—or you get nothing. PIE is helping bridge that gap and helping people feel well again."

Simone Callaghan, The Goodness Collective

"It's not just the children who would thrive anywhere. It's the additionalities PIE puts in that support even the shyest or most isolated."

Fiona Berry, Stockport Council

"Even if PIE stopped tomorrow, their impact would be felt for a long time. Women are the linchpins of the community, and by supporting them, PIE is reaching into families, schools, and communities. It's that ripple effect – helping one person impacts many others." **Partner Organisation**

THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS, FUNDERS & SUPPORTERS

PIE are part of a dedicated network of people and organisations who care about helping individuals and communities thrive. This page highlights some of those who make it possible.

Partners

Collaborating to deliver meaningful programmes, workshops and events.

"I particularly value the ease of partnership working with PIE – how they trust us as a provider and with our ideas, which makes for a great partnership. They are approachable and fun and provide outstanding services."

Vic Turnbull, MIC Media

"I particularly value PIE's ability to find a way to do the right thing, to bring people together. It absolutely aligns with our values and ethics and what we try and achieve at Willmott Dixon."

Becky Lerner, Willmott Dixon

"Working alongside the fab folk at PIE has allowed us to scale up the great work we do."

Nicola Wallace Dean, Starting Point Community Learning Partnership

Referral Partners

The people who first spot potential and trust PIE to nurture it.

"PIE have been instrumental in supporting our most vulnerable families – they reach them in a way schools sometimes can't. Their never-ending support, passion, generosity to us as a school means we can help those most in need and make a difference to these families together."

Kate Noble, All Saints C of E Primary School

"I introduced a young person to the LISTEN project, and I have seen them grow in confidence, win a community award, volunteer and get paid work with PIE. They light up when they talk about the activities they do with PIE. I feel confident when I refer a young person into a PIE project that they will have a good experience."

Partner Organisation

Funders & Supporters

Those who invest in change and help make change happen.

"PIE's team is professional, responsive and passionate about ensuring that the voices of young people are heard and valued. We appreciate their ability to engage with diverse groups and gather meaningful feedback that helps us better serve our communities, plus they are flexible, approachable and always do a great job."

Donna Higgins, Stockport Council

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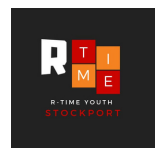
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school for social entrepreneurs



WANT TO COLLABORATE?

PIE are always open to values-aligned partnerships. If you're part of a school, local service or organisation that believes in community empowerment, creative solutions and long-term change, get in touch: beth@pieuk.org

IMPACT IN NUMBERS

PIE has been making a difference in the community since 2019. Here's a snapshot of the numbers behind the impact.

3,115

**participants
engaged**

578

**sessions
delivered**

21,226

**hours
support**

117

trips

2,379

**social action
hours**

2,049

**Cultural Capital
Experiences**

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