

Procure Plus Supports More than 800 People into Employment and Invests Almost £900,000 in Communities

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Procure Plus has supported 803 people into permanent employment during 2025/26, up from 782 the previous year, as the not-for-profit procurement organisation continues to deliver value for money for its clients alongside meaningful social value impact.

Of those supported into work, 84% came from priority groups and 79% remained in employment for at least three months. For every £1 million spent through Procure Plus frameworks, 3.4 employment outcomes were achieved, including new jobs, apprenticeships and work placements.

Meanwhile, Procure Plus's subsidiary charity, Re:vision, invested £898,000 during 2025/26 to support 41 community and voluntary groups. A further £590,000 in external funding was secured to increase the reach and impact of social value initiatives.

Connecting local colleges and employers

Through its market-leading frameworks, Procure Plus continues to bring together local colleges, housing providers and contractors to create clear pathways into employment.

During 2025/26, Procure Plus worked with 361 employers to secure job opportunities for candidates looking to build careers in construction.

More recently, Procure Plus partnered with Bradford College to help establish its new construction academy. As the academy's employer engagement partner, Procure Plus will ensure training reflects the

needs of local employers while connecting young people with work placements and employment opportunities.

The initiative will provide accessible training opportunities for young people while helping to tackle skills shortages within the local community and across the wider construction sector.

Helping young people take their first steps into employment

Procure Plus has continued to support young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) by providing access to work experience and training opportunities.

A total of 504 people took part in Procure Plus courses during 2025/26, helping them develop the skills and confidence needed to pursue careers in construction.

One participant, Tyler, was supported by Procure Plus, who funded his CSCS and COTS training. After completing his course, Procure Plus connected him with an employer, which led Tyler to secure a full-time scaffolding role.

Speaking about his experience, Tyler said: "Getting this job has made a huge difference to me. It's completely changed my life as it's my first job. I'm earning money, I can treat my mum and I can pay rent."

Reducing reoffending through skills and employment

Procure Plus has worked with prisons for more than 15 years and has partnered with HMP Styal since 2021. In 2025, the organisation helped establish the first construction workshop in a women's prison.

Building on this work, Procure Plus's Strategic Partnerships Lead, Keeley Danson, attended a key meeting at No. 10 with fellow Employment Advisory Board chairs, alongside the Deputy Prime Minister and Prisons Minister, to discuss the role employment can play in reducing reoffending.

Keeley said: "Our work with prisons has clearly demonstrated the value of connecting training with real employment opportunities, by building skills, support networks, and, more importantly, self-confidence for those leaving prison.

"Employment plays a vital role in reducing reoffending and supporting successful resettlement, and this is all possible through our strong partnerships with employers, training providers, and prisons - preparing more people for independence on release."

Kat Healey, Social Value Lead at Procure Plus, said: "Our frameworks are purposely designed with people in mind, creating social value at every opportunity while supporting the delivery of goods and services for the social housing sector.

"We're proud to have supported even more people into employment and to have made a bigger impact on communities served by our clients, building on last year's success.

"We will continue to work alongside clients, contractors, employers and training providers to support people facing barriers to employment, helping them develop the skills, experience and confidence they need to build successful careers."

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