

Project – Central Hall

Built in 1893, Central Hall in Keighley has been used for many community uses and following closure by Bradford Council, Keighley Voluntary Services sought to identify a sustainable use for the building.



Key Actions

Pulse Regeneration developed a feasibility study that assessed design options for the restoration of the building, developed financial projections and identified funding opportunities, and considered management requirements. Support also included discussions regarding asset transfer with Bradford Council. Due to the findings, Pulse Regeneration was then appointed to develop a business plan and a Capital Delivery Plan for Lottery submission. More recently, Pulse Regeneration has been acting as client representative to oversee the successful implementation of the project.

Achievements

- Development of a viable plan for use of the building including a mix of income generating activities - offices, start-up enterprise units, exhibition space, and a café providing a youth information point
- Securing £1m of funding from Community Assets, and £650,000 funding from Bradford MDC
- Transfer of the building asset at a peppercorn rent to KVS
- Implementation of the building refurbishment works

“Pulse’s professional experience, enthusiasm and understanding of working with community based regeneration initiatives is a big plus point for organisations like ours who may not have tackled a large project before. They are approachable, flexible, supportive, and open to learning, so it felt like good teamwork all round”

Caroline Schwaller, Chief Officer,
Keighley Voluntary Services

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