

The Arc is an area for the community to come together. The Arc plays host to a variety of shops, a café, a kitchen large enough for training courses to operate in, a youth club, a children's day care centre, a post office, private rooms that can be hired out for activities and meetings and a shared space for local entrepreneurs to run their businesses from.

The LGF funding has assisted in the transformation of the area and has increased the opportunities and potential of the local population. The majority of the job positions at the Arc have been filled by members of the local community, with an array of both paid positions and volunteers benefiting from the development. One example is of a young man who volunteered at the Arc as part of a gardening programme is now working in paid employment in the Arc's café using the ingredients that he once helped to harvest and grow.

The hub was designed as such to have the features that the community wanted. The project knew if they were going to engage with the local community that they would have to cater for childcare needs, hence the nursery, which upon visiting was busy and the children seemed to be really enjoying their new environment. Staffs praise how the facility has improved the eating and sleeping habits of the children as well as their behaviour. Many parents and children use the centre outside of nursery hours, attending events like film showings on Saturday mornings and arts and craft fairs.

The local community were insistent on having a post office as part of the facility, which was not something that had originally been planned or catered for in the design works, however there was flexibility in the design work to make this work. This has actually proven to be quite a successful asset, ensuring that a steady stream of customers filter in on a daily basis, encouraging members of the local community to explore everything else that the Arc has to offer.



**Funding (£)**

LGF	550,000
Other Public Sector	2,874,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,424,000</b>

**Outputs**

Jobs Created	17
Construction Jobs	40
Apprenticeships	3

