

Creative Hub, Weston-super-Mare - Scheme Summary

As part of the wider Weston Town Centre Regeneration Programme, the proposal is to purchase and develop a new Creative Hub building in central Weston. The Hub, to be called The Stable, will offer a range of facilities, services and support to enable entrepreneurs in the digital and creative industries to take the first steps in setting up their own businesses within a vibrant collaborative community. Local jobs including apprenticeships will be generated as the businesses grow and move on from the hub. This is a key element in supporting the aims of the wider town centre regeneration programme which is designed to reposition Weston as a well-connected, quality location, identified as a good place to live and work, with a distinct personality based around creative arts and culture.

Photograph of building, currently known as the Badger Centre



The £458,562 funding from the RIF together with £67,273 from North Somerset Council will enable:-

- Purchase and refurbishment of a building of some 720 m² in size.
- The establishment of a Community Interest Company (CIC) to manage and develop the hub.
- Recruitment of dedicated Hub manager.
- An apprentice programme.
- A new hub brand with distinct name and personality.
- Wider partnership working with key existing creative bodies.

Planned outcomes include up to 70 service users with micro businesses, and 1.5 FTE jobs and up to 3 apprenticeship opportunities through managing hub created by end of first full year of operation. The Hub will link to wider regional, national and international networks through partnerships with long established hubs in the region.



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