

Improving Lives in Leeds

In the last 3 years, Trust Leeds has addressed poverty, isolation and financial exclusion in **3 ways**:



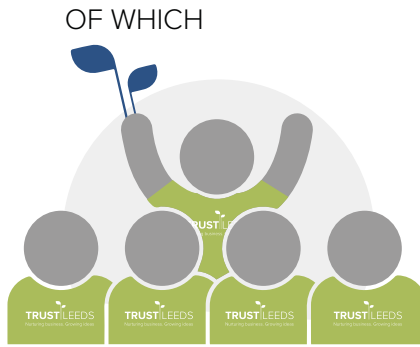
01. Nurturing Community Self-Reliant Groups

20 SRGs supporting **165** members

10x Community SRGs

2x SRG Camps

(the **World's first** SRG Camps have been in Seacroft, Leeds.)



2x Youth SRGs

6x Be Your Own Boss SRGs
(UK's first programme)

And with our members:

6 market stalls held

5 newsletters shared

4 videos created

3 SRG residentials held at Northern College

2 Peer Network Gatherings held

1 group of community development workers trained in the SRG model

02. Energising Be You Own Boss Self-Reliant Groups

21 BYOB SRG members have developed their own businesses

From **one BYOB group** of 10 members, within 3 months of completing:



1 is **training** towards having her own hair business

2 set up their **own business**

2 got a **part-time job** and continue with their micro-enterprises

2 have **full-time jobs** and plan to use the income to launch their own business

2 did not finish but understand the **next steps** and are working towards those

1 did not finish but is joining other **SRG activity**

03. Investing micro-loans

3+

pilot loans

to 3 women entrepreneurs to help them set up their own businesses



9 =

loans

to SRGs to help them start enterprising



12

total loans

of which 11 have been paid back, and one is repaying slowly



04 Financial Health & Wellbeing

Wellbeing

94%

have more friends

95%

increase in confidence

100%

of community SRG members said that being in a SRG improved their wellbeing

75%

increase in communication skills

93%

improvement in mental health

73%

better organisation skills

68%

increase in numeracy and literacy

95%

of members reported they had learnt **new skills** because of being in a SRG



Financial Health

£1

=

£1

For **every £1** Trust Leeds spends on its microfinance activity

£13.20 is generated in social and economic benefit