



# SOCIAL IMPACT REPORT



**APRIL 2024 - MARCH 2025**

At Spark Oldham, we're driven by a passion to support people at all stages of their life. We operate on a people and community first approach and develop programmes that adapts to the needs of the people we're supporting.

We have 3 main values which underpin everything that we do:

Improving Health and Wellbeing, Inspiring Through Volunteering and Investing In Our Young People, Children and Families.



We wanted to start by saying a **big thank you** to all our supporters and a massive thanks to our dedicated team

***Wow, what a first year we have had here at SPARK Oldham CIC... and this is just the beginning!***

For those who may not have heard of SPARK Oldham, we are a not-for-profit organisation, committed to delivering a person/family/community-centred approach for the benefit of families and communities in Oldham. Our Social Value is developed and measured through delivery of our programmes and activities through three key themes:

- ◆ **Inspiring through Volunteering**
- ◆ **Improving Health and Wellbeing**
- ◆ **Investing in our Young People, Children and Families**

We firmly believe that we have the best skill-set to deliver our programmes for families and communities within Oldham, re-investing resources providing greater opportunities for those who we support. Formed in October 2023, this is our first year of tracking the impact of our provision. This has helped us to develop a sound understanding of what Social Value means to SPARK Oldham, how we commit to re-investing back into the community, as well as focusing on the three specific themes that we consistently work towards delivering throughout the year. We are proud to provide this report which evidences the impact we have achieved over the last 12 months, and we are excited for the coming year, growing and building on the challenges, learning and amazing experiences year we have had, and widening the impact of our work further across Oldham.

# Thank You

Thank you for taking the time to read our Social Impact Report 2024/25. We welcome the opportunity to partner with organisations who may be able to support our mission of TRANSFORMING LIVES in the future.



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# IMPROVING HEALTH AND WELLBEING

At SPARK OLDHAM, we understand the importance of providing programmes and resources to support mental health and well-being. Our work includes workshops, peer support, and mindfulness practices, all designed to empower individuals in managing their mental health.



150 hours of  
wellbeing  
support

200 well-being  
event  
attendees

23 women  
attended  
women's  
wellbeing  
groups

Since Jan 2025  
Spark has  
delivered  
30 hours of  
walking groups

*'Coming to the walking group every week  
is one of the things I love forward to, I  
have met new people and it feels good to  
keep getting out'*



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# INVESTING IN CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND YOUNG PEOPLE.

The next generation is our future. We're committed to fostering positive youth development through engaging activities and mentorship programmes. We support families with a range of activities to encourage core family relationships, while supporting them to be the best version of themselves.



4,100 hot meals given to under 16 year olds

*'Since being a young leader it has helped me improve my confidence, I have now managed to get a job after leaving school with nothing'*

51 Young leaders employed

3,672 young leader worked hours

42 early years sessions delivered

68 school holiday sessions delivered

*'I love coming to the baby groups since having my son I have struggled but now I look forward to coming its the best hour of the week'*



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# INSPIRING THROUGH VOLUNTEERING.

We believe that volunteering is a powerful way to give back to the community and build self-worth. We connect individuals with volunteering opportunities that align with their interests, allowing them to contribute their skills and make a real difference.



566 hours of training completed

10 training courses written and delivered

3 staff completed level 2 youth work

8 new volunteers since Jan 25

*"I love being able to support other people, it's nice to be able to use the things that have happened in my life to support others and help them to see their worth'*

3,744 volunteering hours

*'Since coming to women's group I have felt happier, I am also volunteering now too which I love. Finally I have something to do and not just be a mum'*

8 groups a week supported by volunteers

25 sessional workers employed



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