

**Trailblazer Expression of Interest Form**

The Trailblazer pilots will be designed and delivered by local authority partners to develop and test localised approaches to reducing economic inactivity.  The Trailblazers will focus on individuals who are economically inactive 16+ and are disabled, and/or have health conditions, and/or have caring responsibilities.

The UK Government’s “Get Britain Working” White Paper committed to pilot Trailblazers across England and Wales and our Trailblazer in Wales will provide up to £10 million in funding to trial new interventions and increase engagement, providing the support people really need to help them get into work.

We understand that re-entering the workforce can be daunting. Our Trailblazer initiative is designed to provide the tools, resources, and encouragement people need to enter or re-enter the workforce. We recognise that each person's journey is unique, and the barriers they face can be complex and multifaceted. That is why the approach in Wales will be centred around the needs of the individuals. We are committed to creating a supportive environment where everyone feels valued and empowered to take the next step towards employment.

The level of information provided for the application should be proportionate to the size and complexity of the project proposed.

Projects need to ensure that the target participants are economically inactive residents of Blaenau Gwent who are 16+ in age with a focus on those individuals that are disabled, have long term health conditions and/or have caring responsibilities.

Whilst projects can enhance existing provision we would particularly welcome new and innovative techniques to improve and augment engagement.

Projects also need to be mindful of the need of the projects accelerated starting date and the short time frame (end date March 2026) in which to deliver.

**Applicant Information**

**Applicant name:**

**Bid Manager Name and position:**

*Name and position of officer with day to day responsibility for delivering the project*

**Contact telephone number:**

**Email address:**

**Postal address:**

**Website:**

**Company Registration Number (where relevant):**

**Charity Registration Number (where relevant):**

**Senior Responsible Officer contact details:**

**Please confirm the type of organisation:**

☐ Local authority

☐ Private sector

☐ Voluntary sector

☐ University

☐ FE College

☐ Other (please specify)

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Value being Requested (£):**

**The Bid – Project Summary**

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| What experience does the organisation have of delivering this type of activity? |
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| When can the project start? |
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| How will the project ensure there is no detrimental impact to participants on the cessation of the project if further funding is not made available? |
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| How much Trailblazer investment is sought (Please give a breakdown of funding request)? |
| Does the funding package include any match funding? If so, how much?  When will any funding that is not in place be secured? |
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| How has the overall budget been estimated, what has been done to test that it is accurate, how would any unexpected costs be managed? |
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| **Subsidy Control** | |
| All bids must also consider how they will deliver in line with subsidy control as per UK Government guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/complying-with-the-uks-international-obligations-on-subsidy-control-guidance-for-public-authorities> | |
| Does any aspect of the project involve the provision of subsidies (or State Aid)? | Yes No |
| If yes, briefly explain how the subsidies or state aid are compliant with the UK’s subsidy control regime as set out in the guidance. | |
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| **Branding and Publicity** | |
| Please confirm that the project will comply with all branding and publicity requirements. Failure to do so may mean your bid is rejected | Yes​☐​      No ​☐​ |

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| **Data Protection** |
| The information on this form will only be used in relation to the Trailblazer. For further information on Blaenau Gwent County Borough Councils Data Protection policy please visit <https://www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk/en/council/data-protection-foi/data-protection/> |
| **Project Applicant Statement** |
| *I/we can confirm that:*   * • *to the best of my knowledge, all answers on this application are true and accurate.* * • *I am/ we are authorised to sign this agreement and act on behalf of the organisation making this application.* * • *this application is made on the basis that if successful, the organisation will comply with the terms and conditions that will follow.* * • *I/we authorise Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council to make enquiries to any of its Divisions, any Financial Institution and/or named referee, in order to process the grant application.*  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | For and on behalf of the project applicant  Name: |  | | | | Position |  | Date |  | |