



Creative Enterprise Hub

Managed by Leicester City Council as part of the LCB Depot, the Creative Enterprise Hub project provides a range of business support to the creative industries throughout Leicester.

The project, which was funded from July 2010 to March 2012, provided packages of support to help people start their own creative businesses or assist their existing creative businesses to grow.

This support included access to six months of shared workspaces and IT facilities, and access to other support including advice, coaching, tailored workshops, a business postal address and networking opportunities.

The total reassessed project value of the Creative Enterprise Hub was £312,371. Match funding for the ERDF investment came from Leicester City Council's Working Neighbourhoods fund with an ERDF intervention rate of 62.72 percent.

The most important lessons the Creative Enterprise Hub learned through its experience of ERDF funding were that:

- It is useful to have suitably qualified and experienced people to support the project in order to deliver the best support for the project's beneficiaries; and
- To give yourself as much time as possible to complete the project's paperwork.

For further information on the Creative Enterprise Hub visit www.lcbdepot.co.uk/creative-enterprise-hub.