



Dawn Chorus Educational Initiative CIC

A not-for-profit community interest company, since 1985 Dawn Chorus Educational Initiative has championed creative social and environmental innovation to deliver community learning across the East Midlands, Staffordshire and South Yorkshire.

The CIC is formed out of a long-term partnership between Dawn Chorus, established in 1992, and Juno Enterprise, established in 1985. The two partners deliver complimentary services of practical project delivery and infrastructure support, whilst working to increase community based natural and cultural heritage education through multi projects across 10 programmes of:

- Social enterprise
- Infrastructure support and programme management
- Community learning - including building community and family opportunities, encouraging and supporting lifelong learning and enjoyable activities, promoting access to education and skills at community level and offering resources for learning.
- Volunteering – providing volunteering opportunities in-house and through partner programmes based on local need and enhancing communities.
- Well-being – ranging from green exercise to outdoor learning, horticulture to healthy eating, and targeting excluded groups including BME and isolated rural communities.
- Sustainability, climate change and eco-philosophy – Encouraging sustainable and compassionate lifestyles and eating food from compassionate, responsible and sustainable resources.
- Fostering international co-operation in their communities – exchanging best practice and information with projects from around the world, while extending awareness and learning in the communities they work in.
- Wildlife and animal welfare – promoting welfare for all animals through volunteering and learning.



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- Arts and cultural heritage – increasing understanding, participation and enjoyment of heritage and cultural activities.
- Landscape and natural heritage – aiming to increase understanding and conserving of the natural environment.

The CIC builds and leads partnerships to support it in its work, including to help fund, develop and manage its programmes, and to provide volunteering and infrastructure support. This cooperation and collaborative work is key to the delivery of their services.

The work of the CIC is supported through the sponsorship of its resources and events, the selling of its good and resources, the fundraising of volunteers and its delivery of paid learning programmes to businesses and organisations outside of the communities it works with.

For further information on Dawn Chorus Educational Initiative CIC visit <http://dawnchoruseducationalinitiative.org.uk/>.

“Dawn Chorus Educational Initiative promotes learning opportunities in our East Midlands communities, encourages people to care for all life and to celebrate shared heritage.”

Norma Saunders, Chief Executive, Dawn Chorus Educational Initiative