

FROME EDUCATION & TRAINING ENTERPRISE (FETE)

PROJECT SUMMARY

The FETE project aims to provide a broad range of post 14, mainly vocational, training in central Frome and the wider rural hinterland, linked with existing local businesses and social enterprise via a new Local Learning Centre. The project will be delivered by a partnership.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The projects objectives are:

- To increase skill levels, combating social exclusion.
- To increase business productivity.
- To assist new businesses economic vibrancy.
- To act as a catalyst and provide cross curricular fertilisation between organisations.
- To link with businesses to promote enterprise, especially in the area of media by continuing to develop existing good practise with Frome College as a Media Art Specialist College.
- To further develop the range of vocational training options available for the 14-19 age group in Frome and the surrounding rural area.
- To develop employability skills and support job search leading to sustainable job acquisition.

This is a project to provide accessible, flexible office, training and workspaces to suit a wide range of organisations, social enterprises and businesses, with a core function to provide training places, delivered via a consortia of existing training providers. This will replace inaccessible, badly located premises in poor condition currently used by the providers and provide new opportunities for networking with businesses, colleges and schools. The key organisations involved are Somerset County Training, Frome Adult Learning & Leisure & Frome Community College.

The long term aim of the project is to move into a disused mill building on the Saxonvale site in the town centre. This will not only give opportunities for a wide range of services, including business start-up units and a creche, but also act as a catalyst for the development site and extension to the town centre of Frome. The first phase of the project entails moving training providers into a different building close by, which is currently owned by SWRDA, with a view to transferring to the mill when it has become available.

Both buildings are located in Frome town centre, close to public transport nodes, and will serve Frome and its rural hinterland. Closest similar services provided via FE Colleges are at Trowbridge, Norton Radstock & Street.

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