CIC TRIBE / FREE PROJECT IDEAS GUIDE

THE RETURN TO ANALOGUE

20 hands-on workshop ideas for the next generation of community projects

People are looking for ways to put their phones down, make friends, learn practical skills and reconnect with their communities. CICs are well placed to respond with accessible, welcoming activities.

20 IDEAS TO GET YOU STARTED

MAKE & MEND

Sewing circles • Clothes repair cafés • Upcycling workshops • Knitting and crochet clubs • Basic woodworking

ART & ANALOGUE

Film and Polaroid photography • Photo printing and scrapbooking • Pottery and ceramics • Painting and drawing • Zine-making

NATURE & WELLBEING

Forest school activities • Community gardening • Nature walks and journalling • Outdoor craft sessions • Traditional cooking skills

CONNECT & LEARN

Board game evenings • Community supper clubs • Repair and fix-it sessions • Intergenerational skills swaps • Screen-free social clubs

TURN AN IDEA INTO A FUNDABLE CIC PROJECT

1. Ask your community: What would people actually attend? Gather surveys, feedback and interest.
2. Show the benefit: Could your activity reduce loneliness, improve wellbeing, preserve skills or cut waste?
3. Build a realistic budget: Consider venue hire, materials, tutors or artists, volunteer expenses and coordination.
4. Match the right funder: Look for grants that support your specific community outcomes. Funding is never guaranteed.

WANT TO SET UP, FUND & GROW YOUR CIC?

Get practical guides, grant tools and training inside CIC Tribe.

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Inspired by Kexx’s video on the future of CICs and the return to hands-on community activities.