new PIONEERS

IMPACT REPORT 2025

Building Confidence.
Creating Opportunities.

500+
Participations

45
Into Employment

32
Volunteers

The Year in Numbers

500+
Participations

45
Into Employment

30+
Qualifications Achieved

32
Volunteers

300+
VE Day Attendees



Daisy Silva, Executive Director & Co-founder
Maverick Lab CIC (trading as New Pioneers Project)

As Executive Director & Co-founder of Maverick Lab CIC, I am incredibly proud to reflect on what has been a busy, ambitious and impactful year for the New Pioneers Project.

In **2025**, we pushed ourselves further than ever before, expanding our reach, strengthening our offer, and continuing to respond to the needs of our community.

One of the highlights of the year was organising our **community street party to celebrate VE Day**, which brought together **over 300 people** throughout the day. It was a powerful reminder of the importance of connection, community spirit and shared experiences.

Our work continues to be guided by four key pillars:

- **Employability**
- **Skills**
- **Health**
- **Food**

Through these, we support residents to build confidence, improve wellbeing and access new opportunities for the future.

This year, we also had the privilege of supporting and working alongside over **32 volunteers**. Their dedication, passion and commitment are at the heart of everything we do. Quite simply, we could not deliver the impact we do without them, and I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to every single one.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to growing our impact, reaching more people, and continuing to create inclusive spaces where everyone feels valued, supported and inspired.

Our Impact in Numbers

97
WEA Employability Participants

61
Trailblazer Project Participants

45
People into Employment

30+
Qualifications Achieved

500+
Participations across ourprogrammes and events

OUR FOUR PILLARS

Employability

- WEA Employability Programme
- Career & Skills Lab
- Job search support
- CV workshops
- Pathways into training and education

Skills

- Learning Lab (homework club)
- Digital Lab (IT skills support)
- Sewing & embroidery workshops
- Cake decoration sessions
- Financial literacy training
- First aid training
- Youth Lab

Health & Wellbeing

- Wellbeing workshops
- Dance classes
- Garden project
- Victims of Crime support
- Rise Project supporting asylum seekers and refugees

Food & Community

- Community Café
- Cook and Learn workshops
- Air fryer & cooker bag sessions
- Fit & Fed holiday activities
- Afternoon teas & social events
- Christmas celebration
- VE Day Street Party

PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES DELIVERED IN 2025



Learning Lab



2 x Digital Lab



Youth Lab



8 x Sewing & Embroidery Workshops



Cake Decoration



Cook & Learn Workshops



Men's Lab



2 x Cooker Bag Workshops



5 x Financial Literacy Training



First Aid Training for Volunteers



Women's Book Club



Dance Classes



Garden Project



Fit & Fed Holiday Activities



Rise Project



Victims of Crime Project



Afternoon Tea & Social Events



Christmas Party



VE Day Street Party



Young Leaders Workshops



4 x Air fryer sessions



Wreath making project



Volunteer Celebration Event



WEA Employability Digital Project

KEY PROJECTS IN 2025

WEA Employability Project



- 97 participants engaged
- 109 attendances in life skills courses
- 36 individuals supported with job searching
- 34 supported to remove structural barriers
- 30 participants gained qualifications
- 18 progressed into adult education
- 45 moved into employment and volunteering

Trailblazer Project (Live Well Movement)



- 61 engaged in life skills support
- 40 participated in basic skills courses
- 4 referred into adult education
- 10 gained qualifications
- 5 entered volunteering
- 4 progressed into employment



VOLUNTEER IMPACT

32+

Volunteers supported and developed in 2025

First aid training
delivered for volunteers

Access to Rochdale Council learning platform
MeLearning offering a variety of training for safeguarding to health and safety

Volunteer Celebration Event hosted



What Our Volunteers Say

"It feels good to make a difference in my community."

"I've learned so many new skills and made new friends."

"Being part of NPP has given me purpose and confidence."

COMMUNITY IMPACT

300+

Residents engaged through our VE Day Street Party







Weekly Community Café bringing people together

Fit & Fed programme supporting children during school holidays

Safe, welcoming spaces through our **Public Living Room**

Rise Project supporting asylum seekers and refugees



OUR PARTNERS & FUNDERS

We are incredibly grateful to our partners and funders whose support has made our work possible:

Stronger together!

LOOKING AHEAD

In 2026, we aim to build on this success by expanding our reach, strengthening partnerships and continuing to deliver inclusive, impactful programmes that support people to thrive.

Together, we will continue to create opportunities, build confidence and transform lives.

THANK YOU!

To our volunteers, participants, partners and funders—
Thank you for being part of our journey.
We couldn't do it without you.







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