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Background	Creativity for Change aims are to use creative thinking and practice to: • increase training, employment and self-employment opportunities to increase economic independence, particular with offenders and ex-offenders • increase self-confidence, self-esteem and confidence to affect positive change in people and communities • improve community cohesion, social inclusion and community safety • reduce antisocial behaviour, offending and re-offending • improve health and well-being We are increasingly getting involved in the promotion of understanding the resettlement needs of ex-offenders and others who have experienced disruption in their lives. We have created a self-employment programme, Mind Your Own Business (MYOB) as a practical solution to meet the employment needs of ex-offenders and others at a disadvantage in the labour market, supporting them to sell products and services in order to generate income. We focus on cooperative and mutual models of self-employment as a way to reduce re-offending, delivered in prisons and in the community to develop employment cooperatives and Mutual Aid Associations (MAAs).
Objective	Our objective is to use this opportunity to continue and grow the services we currently deliver.

Interests	We are interested in working with those communities that are easiest to ignore and to support them to increase their confidence and self-esteem to become active within their communities; gain the knowledge and skills to become economically independent and lead crime free lives and give them the opportunity to access high quality training opportunities using creativity as a way to successfully engage.
Area of Delivery	We work across Yorkshire and the Humber and the North West