

LifeSkills created with Barclays

LifeSkills created with Barclays aims to ensure no young person is left behind by equipping them with the core 21st century skills needed for the work place both now and in the future, boosting our economy and supporting our society. LifeSkills brings together educators, businesses, young people and parents to achieve this, as increasingly young people need to leave education not only with appropriate academic results but with the skills that we know businesses need now and in the future as technology reshapes our working world. LifeSkills provides educators with more than 55 hours of free curriculum linked employability resources, through videos, quick fire activities, interactive tools and full lesson plans to teach young people, as well as dozens of interactive tools for young people to learn in their own time or in conjunction with their parents through our dedicated parents section. LifeSkills also helps to improve access to work experience opportunities to give them the key skills and experience through businesses across the UK.

1) Description of initiative(s)

2) What need does this solve for scale-ups?

(1) Coordination, connectivity and promotion

LifeSkills materials are free to use for educators and groups such as charities. We have shared all of our content with organisations who are at the fore front of this drive to support scale ups, including Founders for Schools.

(2) Access to Skills

LifeSkills content can be accessed by young people directly on the website as well as through educators and Barclays volunteers. Content is designed to inspire young people and equip them with the essential skills for the future

(3) Leadership Capacity Building

n/a

(4) Customers (Domestic & Export)

n/a

(5) Financing

n/a

(6) Infrastructure

n/a

3) Which stakeholders in the ecosystem are involved with running this?

Entrepreneurs

n/a

Ecosystem umbrella organisations

CBI, Federation of Small Businesses, British Chamber of Commerce, Education and Employers Charity, Business in the Community, Careers and Enterprise Company

Government (national/ local)

DWP, DfE, Cabinet Office, Number 10,

Private sector

We partner with organisations such as Network Rail and Nuffield Health to offer work experience through the LifeSkills portal

Investors/ financiers

n/a

Education providers

LifeSkills has had over 29,000 educators register from across a range of education institutions including secondary schools, universities, colleges and youth groups. We are in 72% of secondary schools across the UK

4) What does success look like? What measurable impact/outcomes have been achieved? What outcomes are expected to be achieved?

In the three years that LifeSkills has been running we have had over 2.6million young people participate in the programme, over 29,000 educators register including over 72% of UK secondary schools.

An independent evaluation of the programme conducted by the Work foundation found that 71% of young people felt more confident as a result of LifeSkills, 66% feel more confident about their future and 65% understand how to more effectively tackle problems.

Our ambition is to inspire young people and to give them the skills they need to make the most of their future.

5) What have you most learnt along the way and what adjustments have you made as a result of learnings?

LifeSkills is independently evaluated every year by the Work Foundation every year to assess the impact the programme is having on beneficiaries. In addition we commission independent research with teachers on an annual basis.