

About Spice



Founded in South Wales, Spice is a social enterprise that has developed a unique time-based currency called Time Credits. Spice works across health and social care, housing, community development and education, supporting organisations and services to use Time Credits to achieve their outcomes.

The Time Credit model has been independently proven to increase community cohesion, raise levels of volunteering and improve health. So far over 35,000 people have earned Time Credits, and approximately 500,000 Time Credits have been issued across England and Wales. Spice works with a network of over 1200 organisations and services across the private, public and voluntary sectors in England and Wales.

How Time Credits work

Earning Time Credits: Services and local community groups identify existing and new opportunities for people to give their time using an asset based approach. New opportunities are based on the interests, skills and availability of local people.

Spending Time Credits: Public, community and private organisations identify ways in which people can spend Time Credits with their services or at events, and at existing or new activities. This can be 'spare capacity' at theatres or swimming pools for example, or for community services as a way of recognising and thanking people for the contributions they have made. Spice spending brochures include a wide range of community organisations as well as higher profile opportunities such as Blackpool Tower, Tower of London and the Millennium Centre.



35,000

People have earned Time Credits

1200

Over 1200 organisations involved

500,000

Time Credits issued

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Measuring Impact

Spice evaluates the impact of its programmes across England and Wales annually in partnership with independent evaluators Apteligen.

In 2017, more than 1200 individuals reported on their experience of Time Credits and the impact they had seen.

