

MEN IN SHEDS

LOCATION: Leeds
COMMUNITY GROUP: Groundwork Leeds
4 GOOD FUND BID SPONSOR: Leeds City Council
TOTAL PROJECT COST: £5,000
FUNDING RECEIVED: £5,000
START DATE: 1 August 2013
END DATE: 20 December 2013

PROJECT SCOPE

The Men in Sheds project provides a programme of activities to bring together men from a variety of backgrounds to deliver a range of practical activities to build their confidence and skills. These include those who have experienced a life changing event such as bereavement, redundancy, retirement or relationship breakdown and come from the most deprived neighbourhoods in South and East Leeds, including areas of Morley, Beeston, Middleton and Cottingley in the South and Killingbeck, Halton and Seacroft in the East.

Funding received from the YORbuild 4 Good Fund has enabled the project to invest in tools and materials to form a basis on which to be able to continue the programme in the future and become a sustainable enterprise, re-investing income generated back into the project.

Using the medium of woodworking, the project has been able to recycle materials into new objects and sell items to reinvest into new materials and tools.

KEY BENEFITS DELIVERED

The project has provided men over 55 with opportunities to learn new skills and make new friends and in doing so, to rebuild their confidence. 24 local men have so far visited the shed with 9 attending more than once a week.

The project is confident that over a 12 month period they will achieve their target of working with 50 men.

