



A step up for people and places



The [CREATE Consortium](#) wants every community to be able to offer the [Community Allowance](#) - providing a step up for people and places. The Community Allowance offers a way out of the [benefits trap](#) for individuals and their families. It also gives communities a new way of working enabling them to develop local solutions to improve and regenerate their communities.

We want community organisations to be able to pay people to do work that strengthens their neighbourhood without it affecting any of their benefits - creating local jobs and opportunities.

Find out how the Community Allowance can help communities develop local solutions [here](#)

Find out how the Community Allowance could develop stepping stone jobs and support people back to work [here](#)

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The Government are planning radical changes to the benefit system and the training and support that is offered to unemployed people. Our response is [here](#). Find out why we are calling for a [new 8th Principle](#) - which recognises the importance of local communities - to guide the government and the billion's it spends.

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The Government are proposing *mandatory unpaid manual work* for some unemployed people. [See Louise's interview on BBC News 24](#) about the proposal and what Community Allowance could offer.

Read our [new publication](#) on the Community Allowance; a collection of essays from Lord Adebowale, Phillip Blond, Sir Trevor Chinn, Hilary Cottam, Julian Dobson, Will Hutton, Glenn Jenkins, Neil O'Brien, Dame Barbara Stocking and Julia Unwin CBE amongst others

Watch our 5 minute film *Benefits Rule* which tells the story of how the benefits trap affects Lisa Banks, a resident on an estate in Milton Keynes.



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