

THINK NEWS

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THINK FC IN COALVILLE

A place based approach

We know Coalville well, we were told “there’s no community in Coalville” – we disagree, we have seen it, and we have felt it! Coalville is awesome – filled with amazing people and places!

Our initial experience of Coalville was through Coalville Heroes - the culmination of which led to the creation of the Famous 50 exhibition (FILM), a youth consultation event and an ongoing love for the people and place!

With a bit of funding from the P.C.C. to work alongside the community plus hundreds of voluntary hours of time we started a place-based approach in Coalville – building on previous local contacts and relationships and supporting them to do whatever they are passionate about starting with what’s strong in Coalville.



Members of the Coalville C.A.N steering crew clearing out the Coop. The Coalville community is stronger than ever.

Building a Crew in Coalville



The Steering Crew of local people that are leading the journey – with a growing group of shipmates in a wider Facebook Group (Coalville C.A.N) CBS

The intention is to create a Community Benefit Society (CBS) to bring people together, take over spaces that local people value and support people with projects they are passionate about.

Could this be the ultimate pirate vehicle for community wealth building?

Concept proposal for an empty Coop site.

JADES STORY

We met for the first time at a Community Asset Bingo session at Number 22.



Jade serving people in her community.

Sharing 'all things positive' about Coalville and making a community asset bingo map! It was clear Jade was a doer – loads of energy, loads of ideas and gets things done – passionate about her children and her community. A week later she is there helping empty the Coop to rescue the things they were chucking away and being interviewed by the local paper. We have shared what a CBS is, she is now all over it! She joins the Steering Crew with 10 other local community members leading on the CBS for Coalville.

Then Covid, a week later we are in the midst of lockdown – 80 neighbours are coming together to 'serve' 200 neighbours over 100 streets. Was this our 'doing' – NO, have we supported this – YES. By walking alongside, we have been able to access some funding for essentials, including a computer for Jade – who is now receiving IT training from her daughter. Jade, the community leader that has built this 'Community Hub' from nothing.

She does not want to be defined by her needs. She is eloquent at defining them herself. What she needs is the freedom to get on and use her own skills and passions (of which there are many!) to make the massive impact she is doing in the community!

The story has not finished, there is so much more to tell and it keeps growing every day.

LINKS

Check out the new How To Be More Pirate Book coming out in September 2020. with practical examples of how to do stuff – including our story!

There is an open invite for you to come to Coalville, meet the Crew, share their top tips, see how it's going and what has gone well, and what has not and why!

See our Build Back Better Update for Coalville and follow us on twitter or on facebook or youtube to keep in touch

Articles related to Coalville C.A.N CBS.

[Nub News Article 1 - \(including film and link to survey\)](#)

[Nub News Article 2 - \(AHF Funding approved\)](#)

[Nub News Article 3 - \(survey results so far\)](#)

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