

# Zion Community Cafe

Zion Community Cafe is well-loved Cafe in Bristol that runs a large variety of community events, children's groups, support groups, ticketed events and provides spaces to hire for meetings, groups and private events. They used Community Shares and the Community Ownership Fund (COF) to save their venue.

## CHALLENGE

However, if the community could not raise the funds required for the purchase of the building, it would be put on the private market and result in yet another vital asset loss for the Bedminster Down area of Bristol.

## SOLUTION

To ensure they could take ownership of the centre, Volunteer Emma Moore and a team of residents set up a community benefit society and launched a community share offer to raise the capital.

## REVENUE

The Community Centre generates profit through its community café, alongside hall and room hire for private events. They hold 200 events a year, including hosting local community interest groups for free.

## IMPACT

"We're an area where things are always being taken away and not being replaced. So it's a big boost for the local community that we can affect change and save assets – it's an empowering thing."



**NA**

Duration



**3%**

Cost of Capital  
(Intention)



**£214,730**

Turnover



**£234,908**

Amount  
invested



**Community  
Shares**

Product  
type

