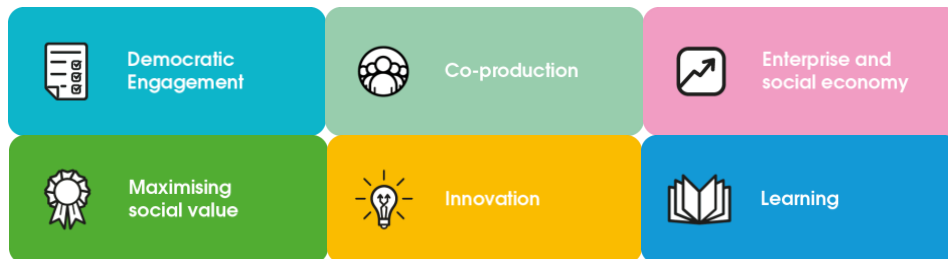


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Your Coop Business working with Heart Academy Trust

Ensuring Connectivity: HEART Academy Trust's Dedicated Internet Access and Failover Framework

Your Coop Business Solutions approached Heart Academy Trust via a tendering process to deliver a combined refresh/upgrade of their Connectivity and WIFI Access Points via a single supplier.

HEART consists of 5 sites which are 3 Primary Schools, 1 Secondary School, and 1 Head Office. The requirement encompassed improved Speeds for their sites, a failover line, and required less Supplier intervention and more Customer authorisation enabling them to make changes to their web filtering. In addition, and part of the project the trust required a complete refresh of their Access Points as the current ones were becoming end of life. We are proud to announce that the successful collaboration between HEART Academies Trust and Your Coop Business Solutions has resulted in a pioneering Sustainability and Procurement Shared Services initiative. This new joint venture reflects a commitment to reshape the landscape of sustainability and procurement practices, across education and the entire UK public sector.

We have joined Heart's Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) framework to deliver ethical and sustainable services based on connectivity, with the extension to lead to Voice and other

telephony services. We are committed to supporting Hearts with a timely delivery and installation of connectivity, ensuring all students, staff, and visitors can access key information and programs.

In addition to the DPS Framework, the career team at Heart Academy Trust are working with the wider Midcounties Career team to implement training programs and apprenticeships to assist school leavers from within the Academy, to gain real world skills, reach their potential and feel inspired to combine workplace training with study. The learners can choose their route to their career, across all our trading groups and departments, from Early Years Educators in Childcare, managers in our food stores, property maintenance, technical sales, and finance assistants in our support functions teams.

The benefits of this new partnership include.

- Driving positive environmental, social, and economic impact.
- Delivering sustainable procurement – helping the public sector make responsible choices today, so the planet remains habitable, diverse, and prosperous for generations to come.
- Ensuring an ethical supply chain, where only suppliers that meet obligations and best practices in relation to social value, climate and human rights, service our customers.

The partnership is expected to run for three years, with a further two-year extension being obtained.

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