

The Co-op are inspired to bring people together to build healthy and happier communities. Already since 2016 we've handed out 22 million pounds of our member's money to communities across the UK.

I'm at one of them here today which is Hulme Community Garden Centre. The Hulme Community Garden Centre received three thousand pounds last year from our Local Community Fund.

They've used that money to build this amazing yurt which enables them to do community projects not just during the Summer, but also during the Winter months when they bring together people with disabilities either physical or mental to help them learn skills like woodworking and other things to help them engage back with their local communities.

They also work with our Co-op Foundation. The Co-op Foundation runs an inspiring and unique program whereby they give not only interest-free loans but also grants.

Here what's happened is that they've improved their whole retail area meaning they can make more sales which means that they can help even more groups and run even more skills based courses.

This is really connected with what we found out without community well-being index, where one of the major things that people look to that helps them live a healthier and happier life is community spaces and places where people can come together.

These things that we do with our members, our customers, our colleagues and people in their local communities, bringing everyone together. That's the co-op difference.