

## Background

This centre was opened in 2004 as a purpose built community venue as part of the Newton Aycliffe town centre redevelopment in which the original youth centre was demolished. It is a large thriving building with a wide range of rooms and a full programme of activities. The organisation was established as an unincorporated charity and has recently converted to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).



## Support from DCA with Asset Transfer

Durham County Council began an asset transfer programme of community buildings and asked for expressions of interest from community groups who would like to take these on. DCA have supported the committee with the process for this - looking at the impacts of the asset transfer including discussions on a potential merger, assisting them with the conversion of the original charity to a CIO, and planning and running a development session for staff, trustees and partners. This was the first asset transfer to be completed under Durham County Council's Durham Ask programme.



"Without the support we received from DCA, this would not have been possible."

Vince Crosby, Trustee

