



Rise Impact Report 2024-25





ICAEW believes that a child's future should be defined by their ability, not their background. The Rise Initiative is our vehicle for making that belief a reality. As this Impact Report highlights, we are doing more than just creating opportunity; we are actively equipping a new generation with the confidence and skills to seize that opportunity. In doing so, we are building a profession that is as diverse and dynamic as the world we serve.

Alan Vallance CEO, ICAEW



I learnt a lot more about office life and business management. There was a kind lady who helped me with public speaking in an understanding way which I really appreciated.

Student
Leith Academy



102,000
YOUNG
PEOPLE
REACHED

Well organised, brilliantly facilitated, high energy and really impactful. Reminder of the challenges faced by school leavers and what they value as they enter the world of employment.

Volunteer
EY



I loved the attention to detail and care they put into it. It was not generic advice; it was personal and diverse.

Student

The Lowry Academy



574
VOLUNTEERS
REGISTERED
THIS YEAR

2,692
UNIQUE
DOWNLOADS
OF RESOURCES



The facilitator and volunteers were excellent. They engaged really well with the students and got properly involved with them and the activities.

Teacher
Edward Peake CofE VC School

312
WORKSHOPS
NATIONWIDE



96%
OF TEACHERS
RATED
WORKSHOPS
AS GOOD
OR EXCELLENT



I rated the Rise workshop as excellent because it was highly engaging, well-structured, and clearly tailored to the needs and interests of our Year 9 students.

Teacher
Thomas Knyvett
College





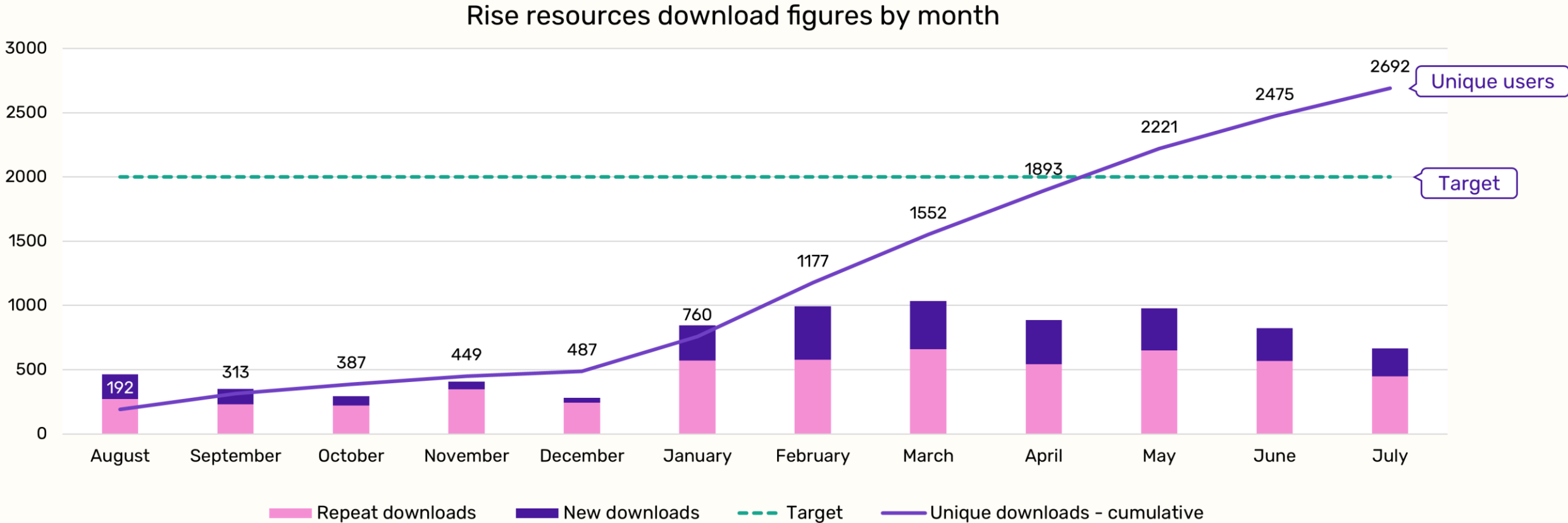
Resources

“There is nothing on the market at the moment like this in terms of something for KS4 as a standalone bitesize resource.”

Secondary School Teacher, Manchester



Our Rise resources exceeded target... second year in a row



Rise resources were downloaded a total of 8,022 times by 2,692 unique users – surpassing our growth target of 2000 unique users by July 2025.



Workshops

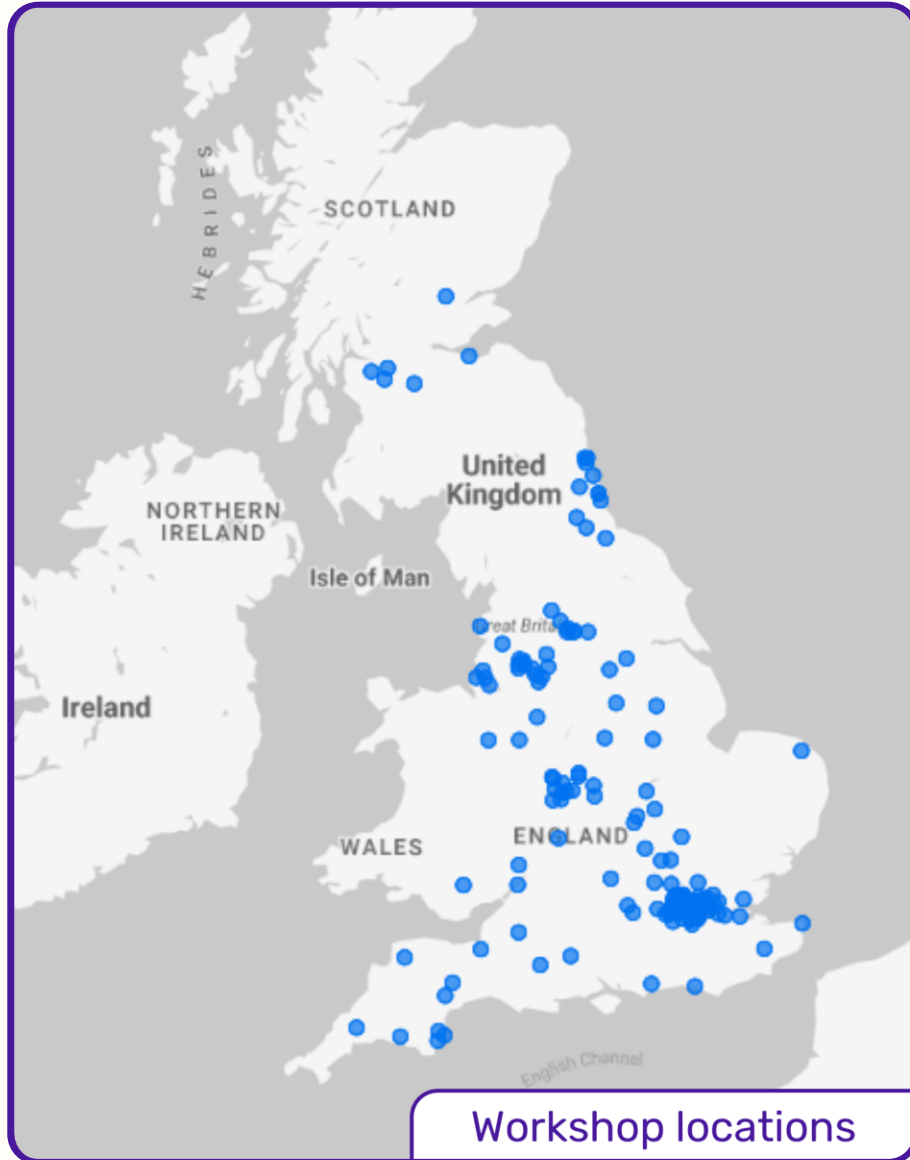
“Enjoyable and fun activities while learning more real-life skills and how to apply them.”

Year 10 Student , The Lowry Academy



312 workshops were delivered

- The aim for Rise was to deliver 300 workshops across the UK, specifically targeting areas of disadvantage (i.e., areas that suffer from social, cultural and economic deprivation).
- 312 workshops were delivered at 151 different schools.
- Over 17,900 students were reached.
- 386 volunteers supported these workshops, some covering multiple workshops.



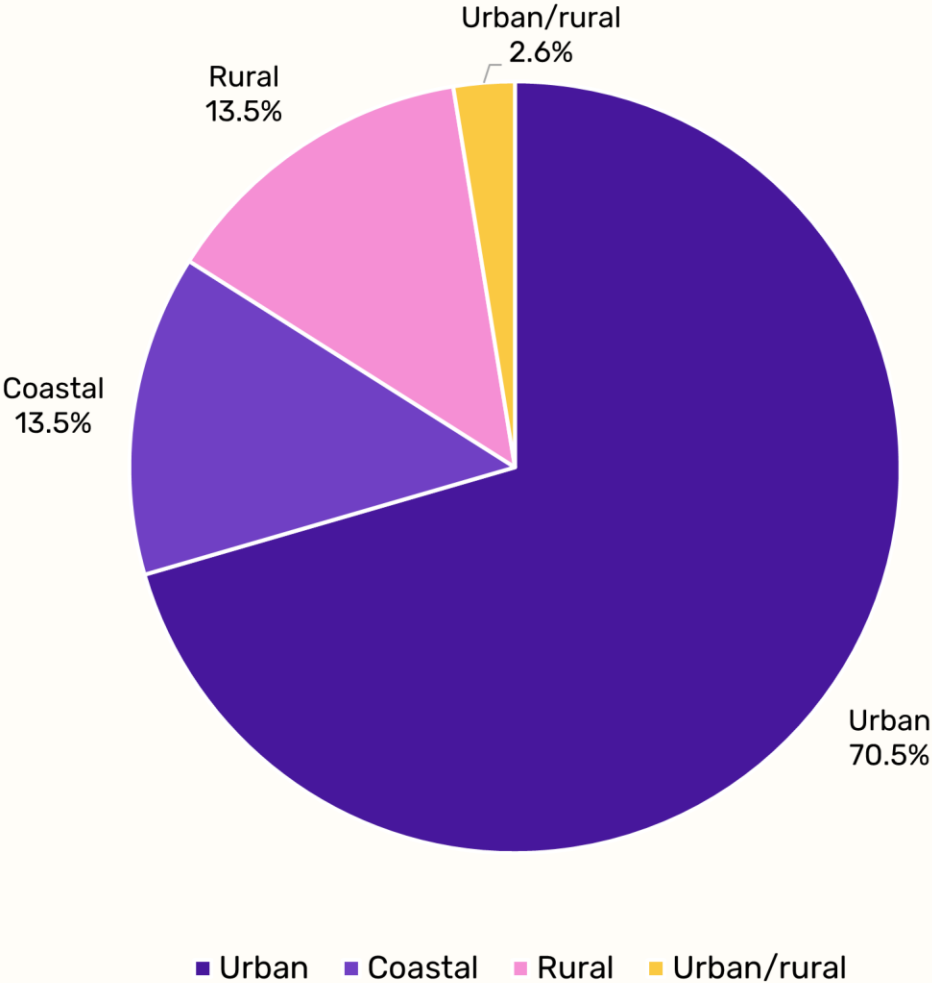
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The Rise workshop offers a unique and meaningful experience that goes beyond the typical classroom setting. It empowers students to reflect on their personal growth, build confidence, and develop a clearer sense of purpose.

KS3 Teacher
Thomas Knyvett College



Rise delivered workshops across a range of disadvantaged areas around the UK



- Coupled with the ambition to deliver 300 Rise workshops, Rise is committed to deliver 30% of workshops outside of urban locations.
- 29.5% (92) of our workshops in rural and/or coastal locations.
- 70.5% (220) of workshops were delivered in urban locations.



Students

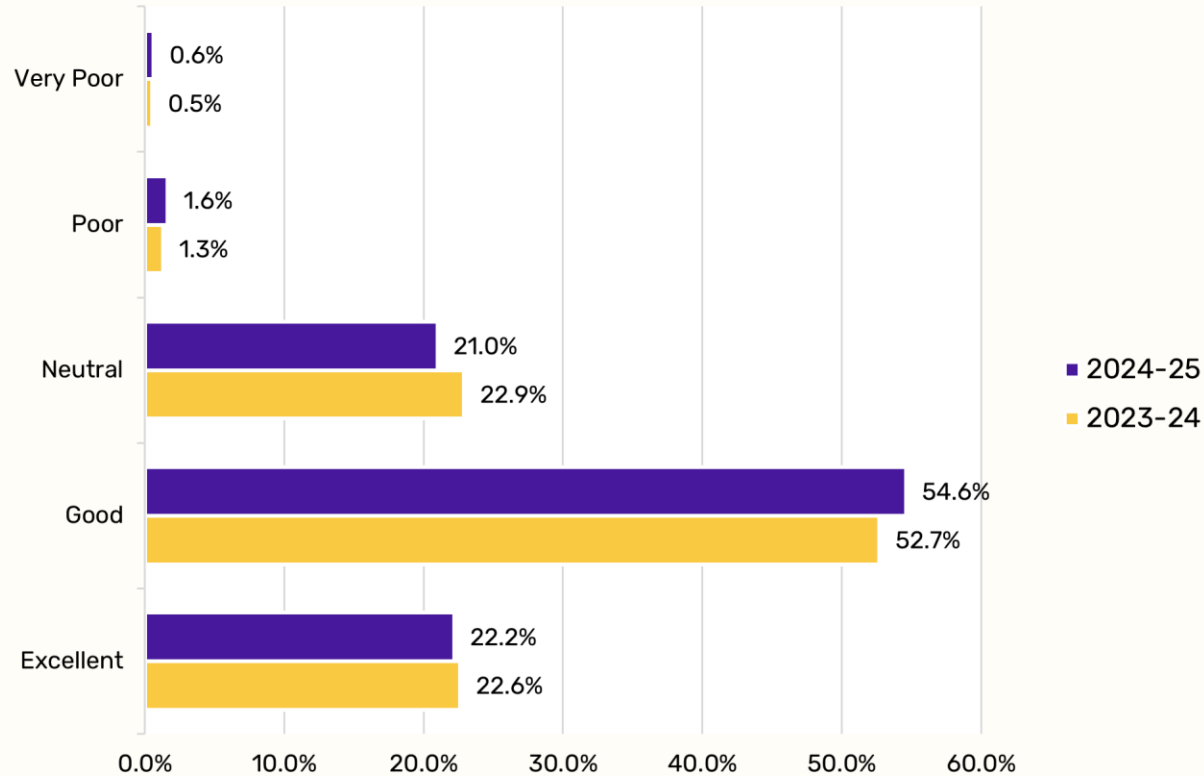
“It was quite interactive and fun since I got to experience how to use my skills and how to apply them in a workplace.”

Year 10 Student, Grace Academy Coventry



How students rate Rise workshops

How would you rate the workshop?



76.8% of students rated the workshops as either “good” or “excellent” (75.3% in 2023-24).

Less neutral answers meant we had more positive and negative responses compared to 2023-24.

Here are a few quotes from students who attended a Rise workshop:

“It was a very good way to show how your skills can really help you with your future job.”

“I understood what employers look for and how to recognise your strengths and weaknesses.”

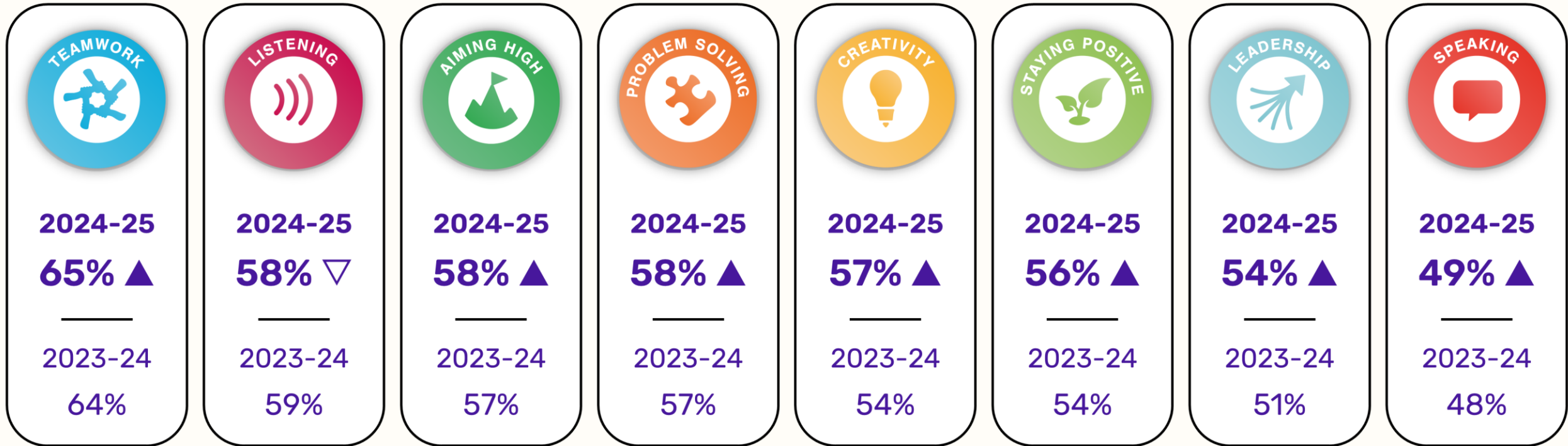
“It's very interactive while teaching people to communicate and work as a team.”

“I learnt more about our future careers.”

Students' confidence levels increased after attending workshops

On average, 56.9% of students reported increased confidence compared to 55.6% last year.

When answering the survey question "As a result of the workshop, how confident do you feel about the following skill?", students reported higher levels of increased confidence in all essential skills, aside from Listening, compared to 2023-24.





Teachers

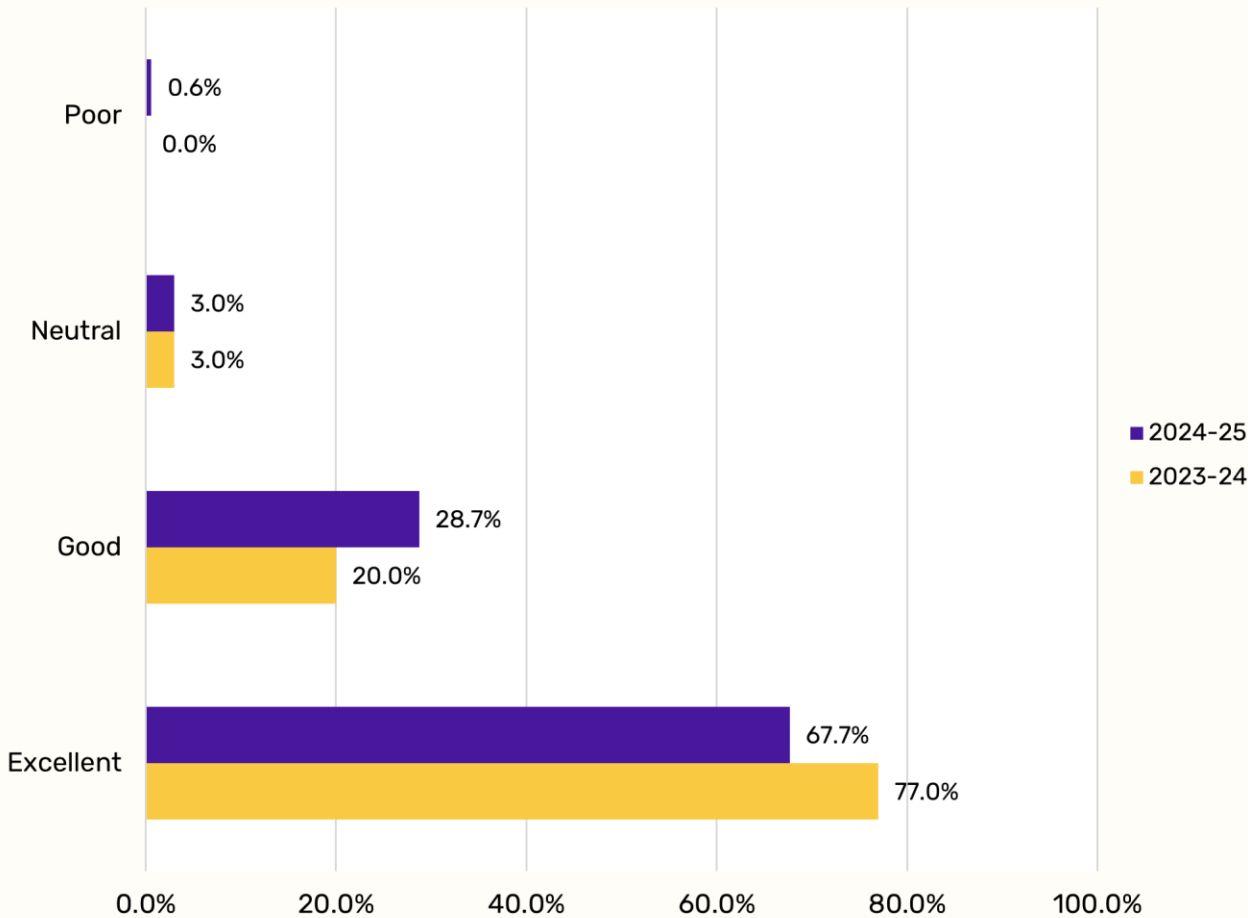
“The programme is invaluable to students”

Teacher, Lord Grey Academy



How teachers rate Rise workshops

How would you rate the quality of the workshop?



96.4% of teachers rated the workshops as either “good” or “excellent” (97% in 2023-24).

Here are a few quotes from teachers who organised a Rise workshop:

“Very well organised, informative and ignited passion in students to talk about what they would to consider in the future.”

Lord Grey Academy | Milton Keynes

“Fantastic delivery, great enthusiasm. All students were engaged, very positive and inspired.”

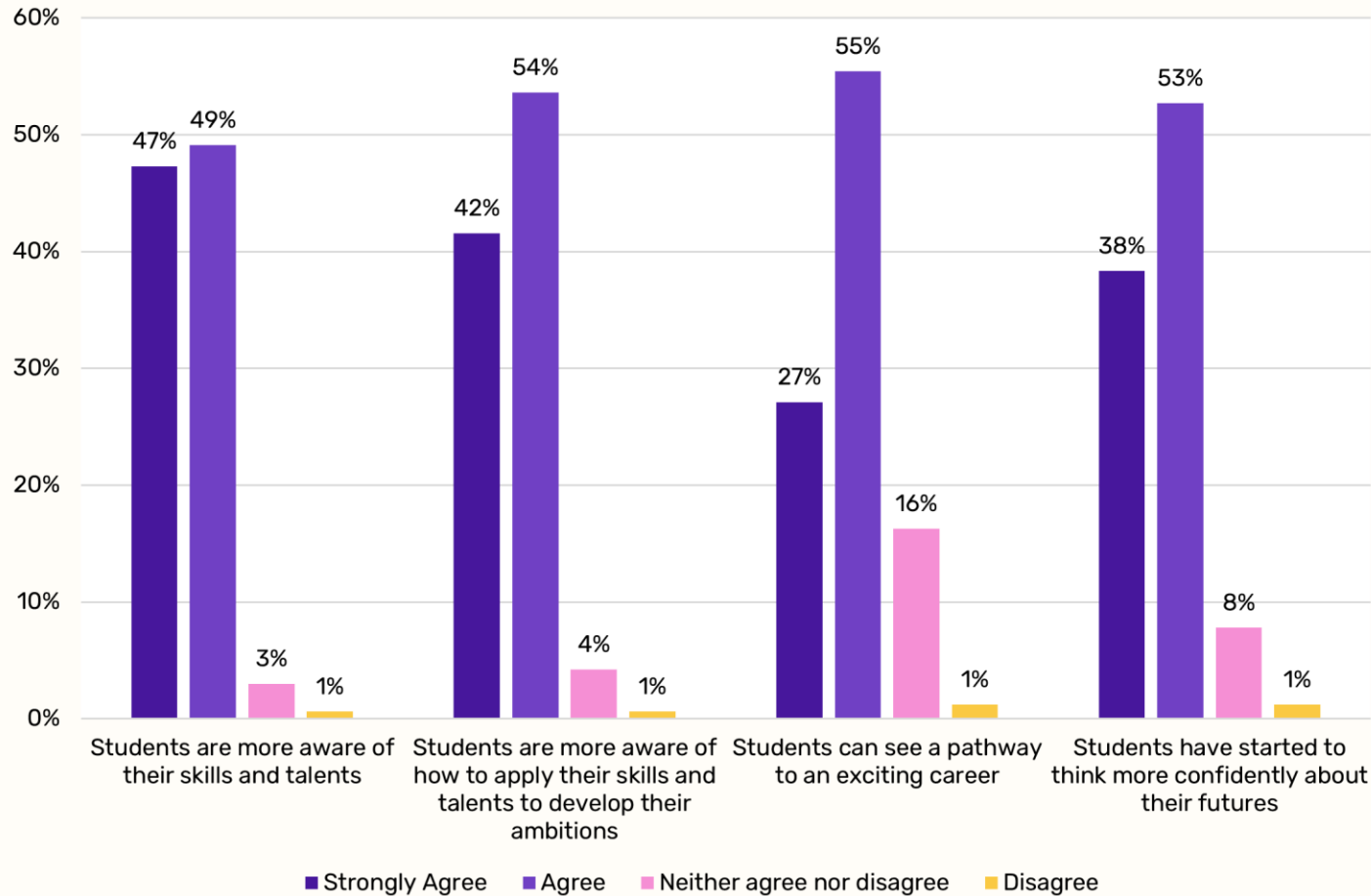
Salvatorian Roman Catholic College | Harrow

“It was pitched perfectly for the year group. Activities were just the right length and subject matter was interesting to the pupils. Facilitator and volunteer were fantastic at building rapport with the students.”

The Mosslands School | Wallasey

Teachers find Rise to be a positive experience for their students

Do teachers agree with the statement...



96%

agree students are more aware of their own talents.

95%

agree students now know how to apply them in the future to achieve their ambitions.

83%

agree students can see a pathway to an exciting career.

91%

agree students have started to think more confidently about their futures.



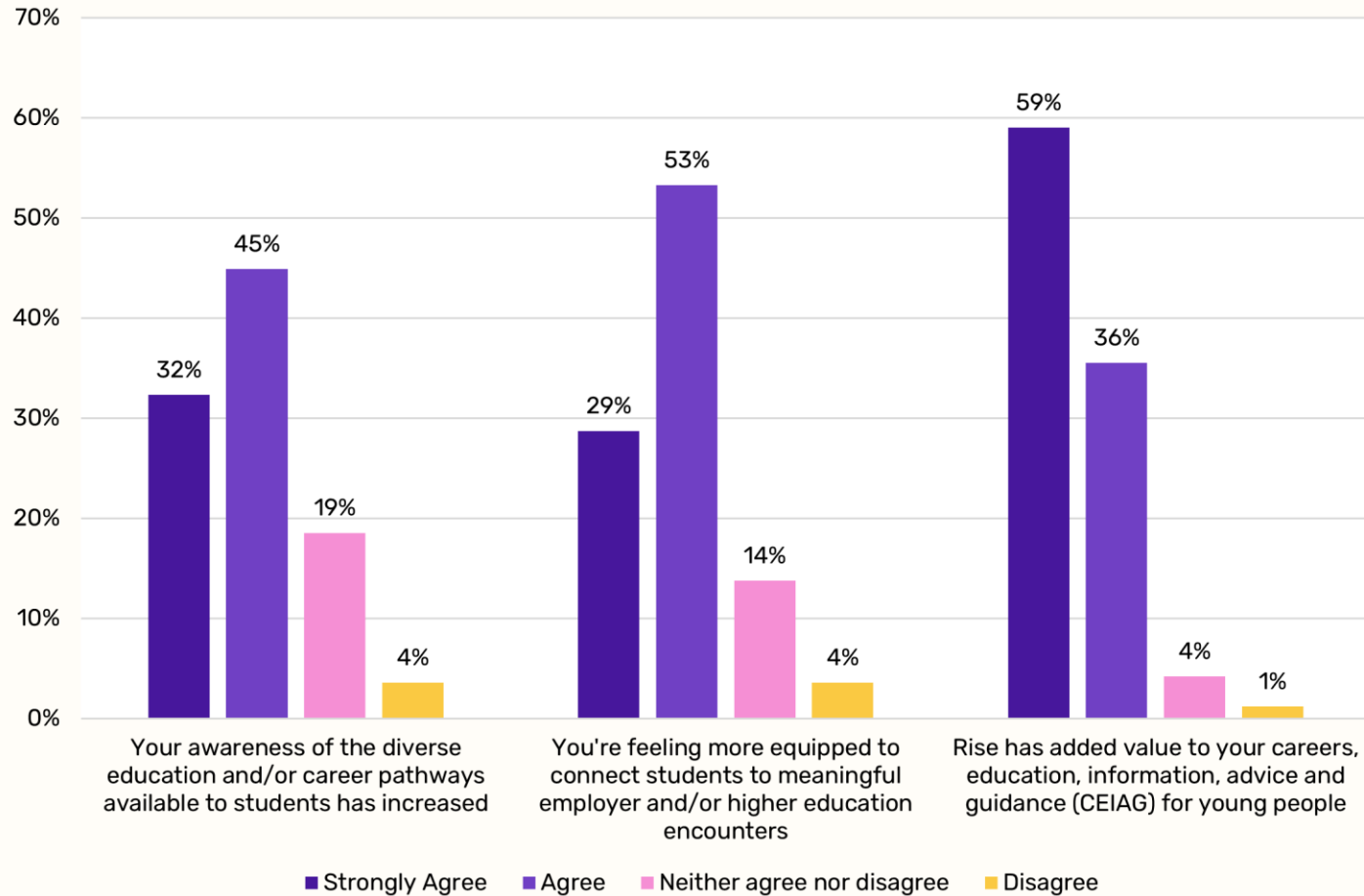
I have booked Rise for several years now and I think it is so worthwhile for students. Feedback from students is always positive and it gives them an opportunity to reflect on themselves which is something that rarely happens.

**KS4 Teacher
Bodmin College**



Teachers are more aware of careers because of Rise support

Do teachers agree with the statement...



78%

agree their awareness of the diverse education and/or career pathways available to students increased.

83%

agree they're more equipped to connect students to meaningful employer and/or higher education encounters.

95%

agree Rise added value to your careers, education, information, advice and guidance (CEIAG) for young people.



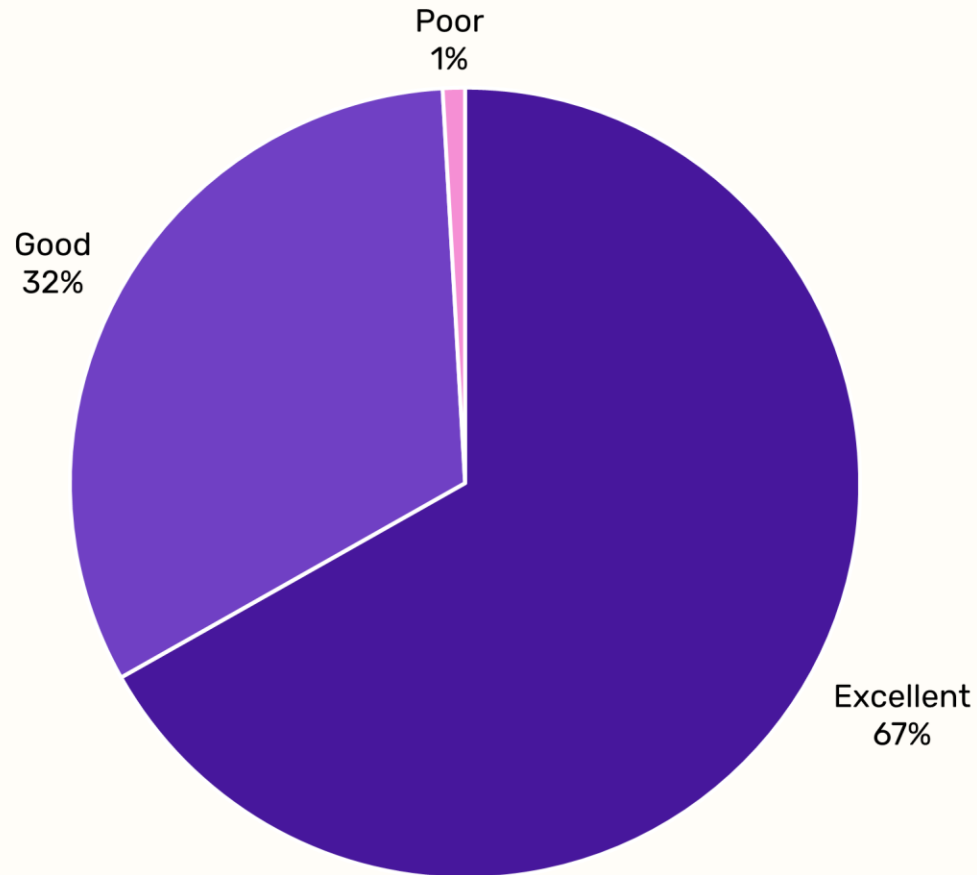
Volunteers

“It feels rewarding to be involved in educating students on life skills they will need when moving from school into work.”

Volunteer, Mercia Group



How would you rate your volunteering experience?



“Really enjoyed it, well organised and very engaging throughout.”

Kaplan

“I enjoyed the volunteering experience, it was well structured and planned, it felt great to help young people.”

PwC

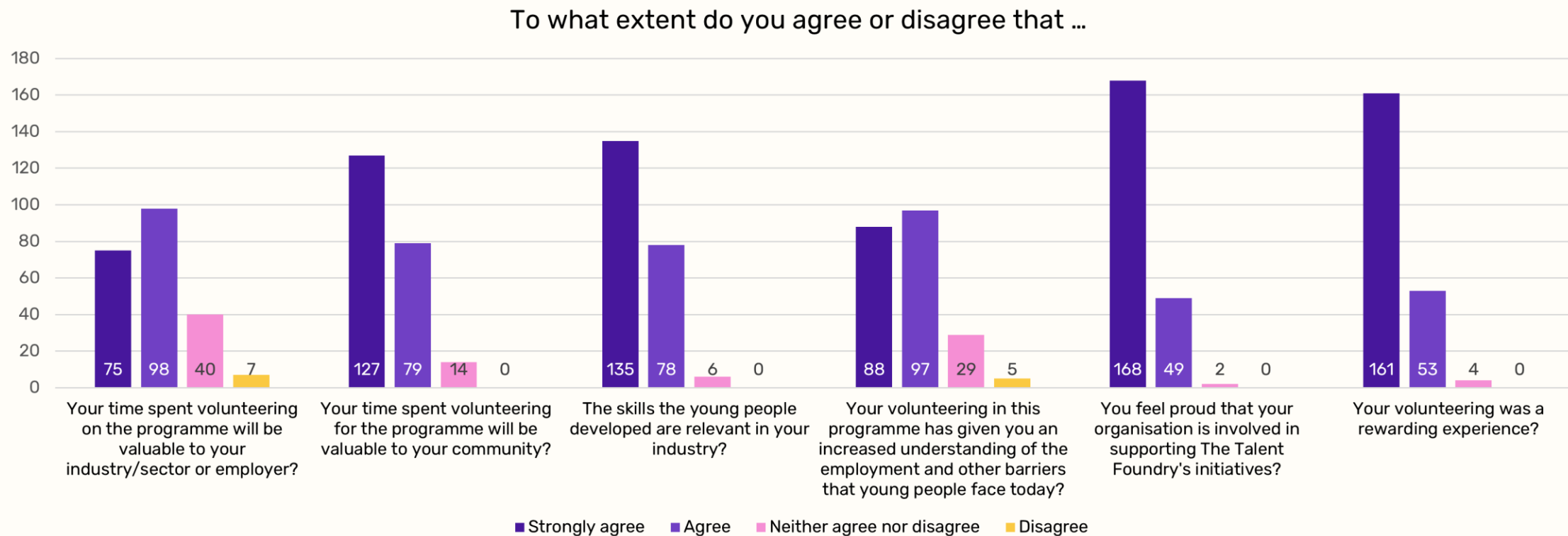
“[The] TTF facilitator did a fab job prepping me for the workshops and was great in facilitating the sessions with the Year 7s.”

EY

“It was easy to register and the pre-workshop briefing information was thorough, including a useful introduction to the facilitator in advance. On the day, TTF facilitator was very welcoming and managed the session brilliantly to get the students engaged. He included me throughout the session and made me feel useful as a volunteer. The students’ behaviour was fantastic and they were really engaged with the tasks and I enjoyed my conversations with them as we worked through the tasks.”

Dains

Rise is a positive experience for volunteers



217 volunteers were proud their organisation was supporting TTF initiatives and 214 volunteers felt that volunteering was a rewarding experience. 173 volunteers felt that the experience was valuable to the industry/sector or employer.



The Accelerator Programme

Overview of schools funded by Rise



5 schools supported



213 teachers trained



3,268 learners impacted



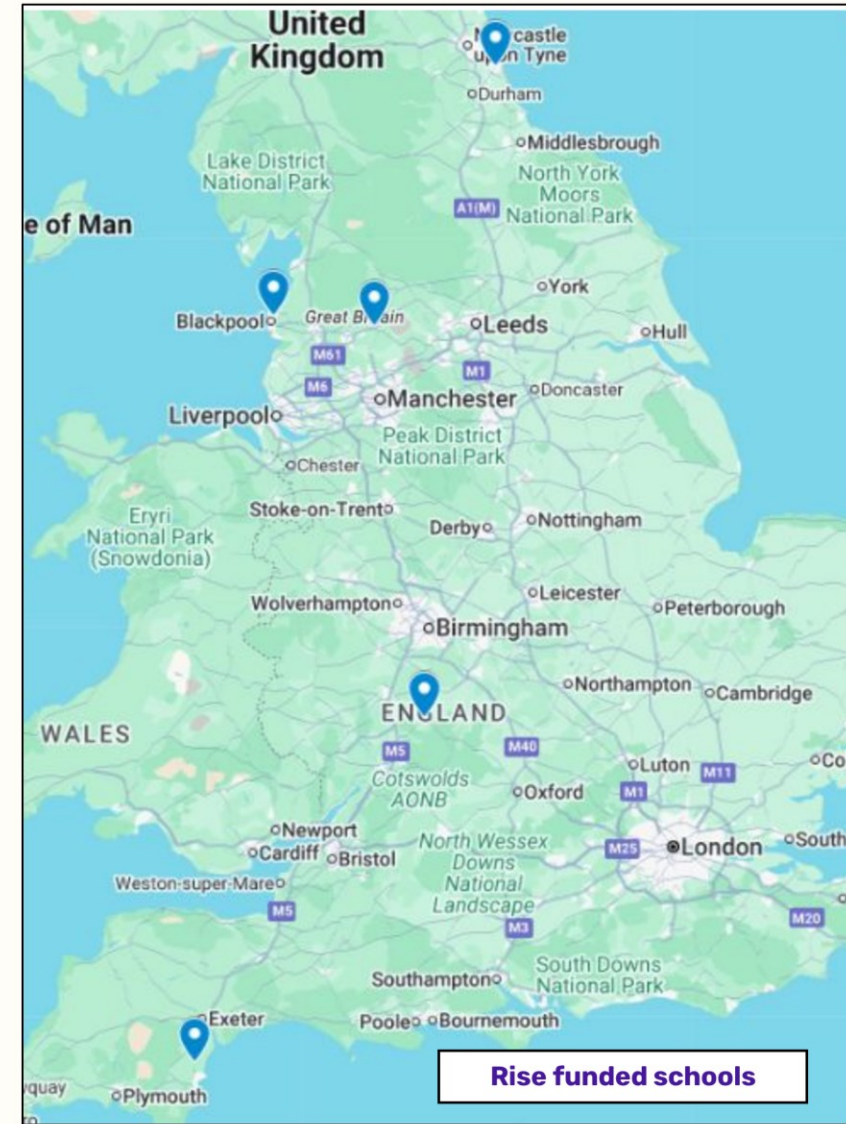
5 education settings supported



40.88% of learners are eligible for free school meals



16 volunteers engaged



Impact delivered to our funded schools

Improving essential skills education

97% teachers have seen positive impact from programme on their school.

“Training gave us clear explanations of rationale for building essential skill, display of resources and how to best teach the Framework in lessons.”

Teacher
Shuttleworth College

Building teacher confidence

89% of teachers reported increased confidence in teaching essential skills.

“The wider teacher training for our colleagues who will be delivering lessons has improved confidence amongst the staffing group.”

Deputy Head
Blackpool Aspire Academy

Driving learner progress

97% of teachers have seen positive impact from programme on their school.

“The programme shows development of the skills throughout the students and allows us to track progress of learning.”

Teacher
Glendinning Academy



Thank you

