



The St Agnes Project

St Agnes on the Isles of Scilly is one of the four inhabited islands. Workspace on the off-islands is difficult, if not impossible, to come by, meaning that entrepreneurial ideas are limited by available facilities.

The St Agnes Project has been initiated by the local community and enables new employment and training opportunities on St Agnes.



"This project is an investment in the future of the island, it will encourage younger people to stay and pursue different and modern career opportunities and maintain the island's viability."

Aisling Hick

Aiming to open in January 2014, the project on St Agnes includes the development of 6 work spaces all with access to Superfast Broadband, an access road linking the building to the quay and the refurbishment of the islands hall as a community centre.

"Basically this represents a step change for the island. The island hall has always been pivotal to the provision of leisure and social opportunities, we can now expand its use to give greater employment potential to islanders.

There is little or no workspace on the islands and many people are running businesses from their kitchen table.



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The provision of state of the art workspace will enable those businesses to gain a more professional footing, it will encourage collaboration and micro diversification in an economy dominated by tourism and encourage rewarding and added-value employment.

The project coincides with the implementation of super fast broadband on the islands and means that we can make use of all the opportunities offered by better connectivity. “

Aisling Hick, Trustee of St Agnes Island Hall

Investment details:

ERDF Convergence £1.95 million
Local Action RDPE £205,000
Extended schools £10,000
Remainder raised through fundraising



- ✓ **Creating jobs**
- ✓ **Safeguarding jobs**
- ✓ **Workspace created**

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