

Executive Summary: August 2026 marked the formal establishment and foundational build phase of The Blue Sky Ecosystem Projects CIC. All primary efforts have focused on lean operations, securing statutory compliance frameworks, establishing voluntary sector partnerships, and structuring the first suite of companion workbooks.

1. Key Milestones Achieved (August 2026)

- **Official Incorporation:** Registered as a Community Interest Company limited by shares in England and Wales.
- **Emergency First Aid Certified:** Completed Emergency First Aid at Work certified training at Cleator Moor.
- **Digital Infrastructure Deployed:** Configured secure custom domain (blueskyprojects.org.uk), GitHub Pages hosting, and official correspondence channels.
- **CVS Advisory Session:** Held formal 2-hour strategic development meeting with Gordon Henry (Cumbria CVS Development Officer) at Cumbria Youth Alliance, Workington.
- **SoSE Programme Secured:** Secured team enrollment on the fully-funded 6-week Social Enterprise (SoSE) development programme at the Phoenix Centre, Cleator Moor (commencing September 2026).
- **Supply Chain Asset Registration:** Registered with the Sellafeld *Together for Good* initiative to source community equipment (production printer/laptops) and keep startup overheads lean.

2. Governance, Compliance & Policy Architecture

- **Dual Safeguarding Framework:** Received official Cumbria CVS policy templates to establish distinct Safeguarding Adults and Safeguarding Children procedures aligned with Cumberland Council's multi-agency boards.
- **Data Protection & GDPR:** Initialized compliance review under updated UK GDPR guidance (HR044 Safe Storage and ICO Subject Access Request standards).
- **Volunteer Governance:** Connected with Judith Smale (Cumbria CVS Volunteering Manager) and received the standard Volunteer Agreement template to prepare for future peer facilitators.
- **Intellectual Property & Licensing:** Formally structured the founder copyright model (author retains creative IP; CIC receives exclusive community delivery licence).

3. Content & Delivery: The 5-Workbook Series

- **Pivoting to Low-Barrier Print/Digital:** Focused immediate resources on tangible, accessible workbooks and companion guides rather than expensive digital media.
- **Workbook 01 (Grief & Loss):** Structured master blueprint with Mira as Project Associate, establishing reflective exercises, grounding techniques, and mandatory crisis signposting gates.
- **Pay-What-You-Can Model:** Grounded pricing structure to ensure zero financial barriers, with all foundational revenue reinvested into production and overheads.

4. Forward Outlook & Working Targets (Sept – Oct 2026)

- **Training** **14/15 September:** Complete Health & Safety in the Workplace Level 2 Award (Workington/Whitehaven).
- **Programme** **16 September:** Launch Workshop 1 of the 6-week SoSE Social Enterprise Programme at Cleator Moor.
- **Networking** **24 September:** Attend the Cumbria Volunteer Managers Network Meeting with Judith Smale.
- **Banking** **September / October:** Review and look into setting up a dedicated CIC business account (Unity Trust Bank / The Co-operative Bank).
- **Workbooks** **September / End of October:** Continue drafting, polishing, and refining the initial companion guides, working steadily towards having the first workbook fully finalized.
- **Governance** Formally adapt and adopt initial Safeguarding and Data Protection policies into the CIC master records.

** Please note: These targets are working projections rather than rigid deadlines, reflecting our commitment to steady pacing, high quality, and sustainable development.*