

Delivery Plan 2024

Our priorities to
#GetAdultsLearning



We are Ufi VocTech Trust

When people thrive in work, everybody benefits, so at Ufi we champion the power of technology to improve skills for work and deliver better outcomes for all.

We do this by providing investment, grant funding, advocacy and support for the development and deployment of **vocational technology** across all parts of the UK skills system.

We have a particular role in unlocking potential in the communities, sectors, skill levels and places currently underserved by mainstream provision, helping ensure everyone is included and no one is left behind.

Join us on our mission to #GetAdultsLearning



Spotlight on...



AutonoMe



With Ufi grant funding and support AutonoMe have developed an app to help people with learning disabilities and autism to develop skills for independent living and employment. Blending a job coach with employment-specific instructional videos, they help adults gain confidence to progress in work.

“Jo’s likes to learn at his own pace, he’s a great advert for independence. He’s really motivated to take this on for himself and be responsible for his learning. He’s made such progress in the space of a year.”

Spotlight on...

CAPSLOCK



Ufi Ventures’ investment is helping CAPSLOCK scale their award-winning cyber security training programmes, delivered entirely within a collaborative digital learning environment that has been built to stimulate real working scenarios.

“We are dedicated to removing barriers to make education accessible to a diverse range of people. With Ufi investment we have helped hundreds of adults transform their lives with cyber, supporting individuals, employers and the sector as a whole.”

Our work...

- ...has supported more than 200 organisations with £30m of funding to develop, deploy and adopt vocational technology.
- ...connects thousands of vocational education and training professionals to build their skills and confidence to adopt digital tools and pedagogies.
- ...is changing how employers and training providers approach and use technology for skills development.
- ...is benefitting £1m+ UK adults every year by improving access to training and helping them get the skills they need for work.
- ...is catalysing wider change in the UK skills system to one that is underpinned by the very best digital tools, pedagogy and learning technology.

Our impact

- Over 12 million digital badges have been awarded through iDEA, helping people to develop digital, enterprise and employability skills for free.
- Nearly 700 employers are providing virtual work experience with Springpod, helping more than 500,000 young adults gain experience with top employers.
- 65% of Further Education colleges across the UK are using CENTURYs AI platform to provide personalised learning to help students with Maths & English GCSE re-sits.
- Half a million unpaid careers have been reached by Mobilise to support them to develop their knowledge and skills.

Explore our work at ufi.co.uk

Browse our directory to see how organisations are developing tech to #GetAdultsLearning.

ufi.co.uk/voctech-directory

2024 delivery priorities

United in our ambition to #GetAdultsLearning



Making Change Now

VocTech Challenge: Skills for an Economy in Transition

We will continue our 2023 White Paper commitment to address the growing skills shortages holding back people, industry and regions across the UK. Activities will include:

- Place-based projects across the four nations using a whole-system approach to increase adult participation in learning.
- An open grant fund for VocTech solutions to the problems highlighted in the 'places', to be launched in Summer 2024.
- Direct investment from Ufi Ventures to help new VocTech businesses scale and increase impact.
- A campaign of advocacy to help drive policy and regulatory change.

ufi.co.uk/challenge

Change for a Better Future

Grant Funding

In January 2024 we will open the VocTech Activate Grant Fund to scope and test new ideas for how tech can help solve real problems in vocational learning.

VocTech Activate Grant Fund 2024

Grants of £30k - £60k

December 2024: Guidelines published, and workshops open for registration

2 - 31 January 2024: Grant call open

Alongside our grant-funding we will continue to grow our VocTech Ignite programme, helping enable great ideas to progress.

ufi.co.uk/grant-funding

Direct Investment

Ufi Ventures will open a new investment fund to support the VocTech Challenge. We will target early-stage companies with an ambition to use VocTech to make a positive and scalable impact on skills development for the transitioning economy.

We will continue to make new and follow-on investments, supporting our growing portfolio by tapping into the skills of the Ufi team, investor networks and partnerships in our wider community. We will share our market intelligence in order to attract additional capital to VocTech investment.

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Building the VocTech Community

We will work with others to grow our influence to achieve real change in the UK skills system, sharing our insights to support growth and to inform our public advocacy work with policymakers, parliamentary groups, employers, providers and investors. We will also begin the interim evaluation of our 2020 – 2025 strategy.

We will work with our stakeholders to ensure they understand the critical importance of increasing adult participation in learning across the UK and the role tech has to play in achieving this. Our Week of VocTech will continue to provide a platform and focus for all that we have learned and all that our projects and investments have achieved.

Supporting the VocTech Market

We will build on our existing work to support vocational teachers and trainers to adopt digital tools and pedagogies, supporting professional development across the whole vocational training landscape with a focus on good learning design and a user-centric approach.

Working in partnership

We know we can't do this alone. Throughout 2024 we will continue to build long-term relationships and strategic partnerships to help achieve our shared objectives.

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Understanding our work

The strategic thinking that informs our actions are outlined in a number of key documents.

Visit our website for more details:
ufi.co.uk/who-we-are/publications



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Subscribe to the Ufi community newsletter for sector-leading insights, information, and inspiration about vocational technology - including the details of our upcoming grant funding calls.

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