

## Area 51 Martial Arts, Bolsover

In early 2020, Jess and Olly from Area 51 Martial Arts & Tricking Academy needed support to understand the legal structure of setting up a social enterprise and what would be better for them in terms of a charity, a limited company or a CIC. Their knowledge of both was fairly strong but they needed a second opinion on what would be the best decision for the future of their Academy.

**Quote:**

'BCVS provided us with fantastic support and information to be able to make the right decision about the future of our enterprise. It has allowed us to employ two members of staff, which has been life changing for our organisation. Up until now, we have had to rely on volunteers. Volunteers are still an important part of our business model but the fact we now have staff as well means we feel a lot more secure as an organisation. BCVS have been fantastic, they have really helped direct us and get everything in place''



**Now an officially registered CIC.**



**Successful in applying for funding as well as generating their own income.**



**Jess is now employed full time by the enterprise, along with 2 other members of staff.**