

Project Title	
Babeco Back To Work	
Purpose of the project	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment • Training • Equal opportunities • Environment 	
Aims and Achievements	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce labour market exclusion • Entrepreneurship • Reduce waste 	
Duration	
From September 2006 To March 2008	
Total Budget	Budget Source:
€ 292.294,00	ERDF and match funding from voluntary sector
Context	
<p>Babeco is a community company specializing in designing and manufacturing real nappies as well as offering a nappy laundry service.</p> <p>Babeco is based in Ashley ward – in Bristol inner city – which is characterized by high unemployment rates, especially amongst women, disabled people and BME residents. 585 tonnes of nappy waste are potentially going to land fill each year from Easton, Ashley, Lawrence Hill and Windmill Hill wards.</p>	
Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project has created 48 work placement opportunities for local people, especially BME residents, women and disabled people and 14 salaried posts. • Babeco has established relationships with JobCentre Plus, Employment Solutions, Mencap, and Career Finder to facilitate a rolling programme of work placement and volunteering opportunities, supported by mentoring, accredited training, in Health and Safety, sewing, IT, financial support and job search skills. • The project is meant to divert 274 tonnes of nappy waste from landfill over the project lifetime through encouraging use of reusable nappies. Babeco allows local people to purchase environmentally conscious fabrics and baby items, which have in the past been considered as a middle class luxury. • The use of reusable nappies also helps save low-income families money. 	
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