

- Activity:** **Creating communities that work for everyone**
- Time:** 60 - 75 minutes (approx.) interactive workshop activity
- Size of group:** Max 30 young people (split into groups of 5)
- Age:** This has been designed for Year 12 students, but could be adapted for any age group
- Aim:** An activity designed for young people in thinking about the design and development of new communities. The activity serves as a prompt for being sensitive to the needs of diverse stakeholders.
- Preparation:** Identify three potential sites for housing developments, provide these on a map to each group and give site photographs (i.e. views from roads / existing houses)
- Materials:** Flip chart paper and pens
- Reference:** Hadfield, S. and Kraftl, P. (2018) *Activity resources: Creating communities that work for everyone*, University of Birmingham.

ACTIVITY 1: SITE IDENTIFICATION (10 minutes + 5 feedback)

- a) In groups of 5 decide on which site you think would be the most preferable to develop (in terms of the strengths and weaknesses of each). Use flip chart paper to note down your ideas (Prompts: transport and connectivity / services i.e. schools and hospitals / facilities i.e. shops / access to green space / employment / environment / impact on surrounding neighbourhoods).
- b) As a large group pool together your suggestions and decide on which site is going to go ahead with development.

ACTIVITY 2: SERVICE PROVISION (10 minutes + 5 feedback)

- a) In the same groups decide what services and facilities will be needed to be built to support the size of the community planned. Use flip chart paper to note down what you think the community needs to have. Make a note next to each one, if it is essential, or desirable.
- b) Each group to reflect back - facilitate debate around an agreed list of essential features for this new community.

ACTIVITY 3: CONSULTATION – COMMUNITIES THAT WORK FOR EVERYONE (20 minutes)

In your groups you have been given a 'community stakeholder'; imagine that you are representing this group of people at a community consultation event. Think about the specific requirements of this group and present your vision for the community from the perspective of this group. You should prepare a 2 minute pitch which you will present to the rest of the group at the end of the session.

- Group 1: Young people
- Group 2: Neighbouring residents
- Group 3: Shop and local business owners
- Group 4: Disabled residents
- Group 5: Elderly residents
- Group 6: Environmental campaigners
- Group 7: Families with young children

GROUP PRESENTATIONS / SUMMARY (15 minutes)

- a) Each group present their two minute pitch to the rest of the group
- b) Summary