

# Building Community Consortium

Providing the tools for communities to take charge



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# The Consortium

Led by Locality in partnership with  
The Glass-House Community Led Design  
The Eden Project and  
CommunityPlanning.net  
and a wider pool of experts and delivery partners



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# Locality

The leading nationwide network of settlements, development trusts, social action centres and community enterprises.



# The Glass-House Community Led Design

A national charity working to help people make better neighbourhoods, spaces, homes and buildings, and to bring lasting change to their area.

- Supporting projects
- Supporting new ways of working
- Promoting community led design



# The Eden Project

An environmental education charity and a regeneration project.



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the community planning website helping people shape their cities, towns and villages in any part of the world

**Supporting Communities & Neighbourhoods in Planning**

This website has been selected as a key resource for a UK government funded service providing free support on planning to communities in England.

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## awards

This website was a Finalist in the 2009 Royal Town Planning Institute Awards for advancing *'significantly the science and art of town planning'*

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# What is our USP?



Years of experience of enabling communities to work collaboratively with

- their wider community
- local authorities
- other stakeholders



# What is our USP?

Supporting community groups mobilising change...



...not just responding to it

# What are we going to be doing?

Supporting communities to take a more active role in:

- place-shaping
- the development of planning policies at local level
- ensuring plans reflect local needs and aspirations



# What are we going to be doing?

Supporting communities to:

- acquire the relevant skills, confidence and relationships to lead projects
- be informed stakeholders and clients
- find local solutions



# How are we going to do this?

A wealth of resources online

A menu of study tours, workshops and events around

- design and planning processes
- developing a community-based vision and brief for change
- engaging with project partners, stakeholders and the wider community
- social enterprise and community ownership of assets
- playing a role in emerging planning policy

Support for peer-to-peer networks

Sharing learning and good practice

# Benefit to communities, planners and developers

Engaged and confident communities produce better buildings, spaces and neighbourhoods.



An effective participatory process:

- adds economic and social value to projects
- reduces costs, conflicts and delays on projects
- helps develop a cost effective solution
- makes a place more 'sustainable' in the broadest sense, over a longer time



[www.buildingcommunity.org.uk](http://www.buildingcommunity.org.uk)

