



intergenerational

activities

Title

Planning my community

Season

Any - an indoors activity

Time

45 minutes to an hour at the most

Target groups

All ages - the young people should be older than 10 or 11.

Objectives

To give older and young people an opportunity to think about how they would like their community to develop in the future.

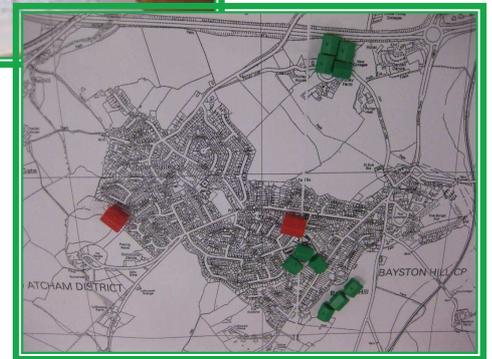
Resources

You will need a large map of your local community – 1:10000 is good – in other words – one centimetre on the map represents 100 metres on the ground. On a map of this scale you can identify individual houses. You will also need lots of little model houses. We took ours from a Monopoly Board game but you can make your own! You will also need some flip chart paper and pens.

Description

Divide the young and older people into groups with some young and old in each group. Give them each a map and help them to orientate themselves – find out where they live – where the shops are – where their school is and so on. People generally love maps and so encourage the groups to talk about where things are. The older people could describe to the younger ones how the community has changed in the past as well.

Then present the group with a scenario. What would they like their community to be like in 10 years time? This might mean more houses being built or more shops or other things. They should talk about their ideas and decide where things should be put – using their little houses. After about twenty minutes you can get some feedback from each group – asking them why they want the village to develop in this way





There are lots of variations of this activity – again depending on the group that you have and the time available. For example, the young people could draw the maps themselves in school as part of a geography lesson – and they could make the small houses and other buildings.

This activity can also be linked to “The History of my Village”