COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

ASSET TRANSFER
Blantyre Soccer Academy

- Community & voluntary sector organisations need easy online tool to help identify council assets
- Understanding the process takes from 18mths – 2 years
- Involving the local community early as possible in the Proposal will increase chances
- Keep going, don't let process wear you down
- be clear on what you need the asset for

INNOVATION IN POVERTY
Machan Trust

- how sustainable is the FREE service?
- full circle for youths
  - Attend / Volunteer
  - Paid employment
- Not all schools do breakfast – this is needed
- Is it for a nutricious start to day or free child care?
- Open to all
- Separate group for Autism needed
- holiday clubs / breakfast clubs
- Volunteer Induction Programme
- youth volunteers from local high school – done over 200 hours on summer programme

LOCAL PLANNING
Neighbourhood Planning

- secure early engagement of local people in decision making that affects them
  - collaboration
  - Power
  - Influence
  - democracy
- build relationships between services delivery & recipients
- LISTEN — work alongside communities to establish shared vision, goals, actions
- asset based perspective
- celebrate
- Promote awareness of the CPP
- Showcase improvements to build enthusiasm, involvement & influence
- Stakeholders Promote equality & equity & ensure services fit for purpose
- act on what local people say
- Listening to the voices of local people
- Partnership Planning — experience, skills, knowledge, shared resources, Power
- INVESTMENT

PLACE

- GLOBAL
- democratic recession
- young people / activism
- we care
- critical
- educate!
- vibrant civil society
- 1 – 4,270 people
- Councillor
- SILENT CRISIS re local democracy
- communities empower governments
- Performance ⭐ Participation
- 70% of people would be involved if easier
- multi-channel comms
- having Community conversations that matter
- WHAT WORKS
- Inclusive & deliberative
- Prevention ⭐ Partnership
- Participatory Grants
- EQUAL
  - Globally
  - Politically
  - Rich & Poor
- must take corrective measures
- What works Scotland
- 3 empowered and consequential
- need new mindsets
- capacity & skills
- new infrastructure

INVOLVING PEOPLE

- use a variety of communication techniques
- Move from consultation to engagement... two different things
- Review
- Review — honest feedback
- Partnership Working is key
- this is all great, but still a lot of improvements to be made
- Review
- empowerment comes from the community – not given to them

SUSTAINABILITY
Hamilton Drop in Centre

- investment in volunteer training
- Base of 150 volunteers crucial...
- Donation of food from schools & other churches
- Accessible venues
- Free or reasonable accommodation costs
- designed system to ensure efficiency & little waste
- meetings purpose inclusive
- Donations from local businesses
- empower people to make change happen
- Partnership with foodbank to share resources
- meaningful consultation
- achieve & promote outcomes
- early community-led conversations with SLC
- efficient consultation
- Support through SLC via building & annual grant Partnership working

LOCAL PLANNING
Cambuslang FUTURES

- Community councils doing good job
- Sharing good practice
- blown away re commitment of volunteers
- Should consultees be involved in developing plan? Design? YES
- where to find funding info.
- Short time scales = group must be prepared
- social capital important for this type of project
- Importance of who is leading on the project council/community
- How is this being communicated?
- community being invited to be part of CPP
- sharing process that worked well for Town Centre Planning
- communicating through different methods
- www.

BUILDING & CELEBRATING COMMUNITIES
Arch

- Take positive risk / allow for mistakes ✱ Prevention
- tackling relevant issues
- What matters to people
- Space in which things can happen
- appropriate settings
- you need to know community
- Resources funding
- Attitude change
- genuine person-centred conversations with realistic time frames
- Change 'one size fits all'
- relevant engagement faces of department
- long-term consistency