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# Community Planning: an overview

*An introduction to the range of methods available  
and how to devise a community planning strategy  
for any situation*

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A one-day training seminar organised by  
**The Prince's Foundation** in association with  
**The Civic Trust** as part of **The Community Planning  
Training & Development Programme 2001/02**

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# Community Planning: an overview

Local authorities, developers, landowners and community groups are increasingly involving local people in planning and development issues. But what is the best way of going about it? How does one choose between the bewildering range of approaches?

**This training seminar** provides an overview of the range of methods available and equips participants with the ability to devise a community planning strategy for their own situation. It is designed for both professionals and non-professionals and can be used purely as a training exercise or 'for real'.

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**Nick Wates** is author of the first comprehensive international handbook on community planning: *Community Planning: how people can shape their cities, towns and villages in any part of the world*, Earthscan, 2000. He is an independent writer and consultant and a Research Associate at **The Prince's Foundation**.

**Alexandra Rook** is a landscape architect with long experience of community involvement. Formerly a director of Community Land and Workspace, she is currently Principal Consultant at the **Civic Trust Regeneration Unit**.

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## What previous participants said

*'Lively discussion, good format and content'*

**Anna Nikk**, Research Officer, Martin Caldwell Associates

*'Very stimulating – the group work was particularly enjoyable and informative'*

**Simon Thompson**, Dorset Community Action

*'Excellent'*

**Sian Phillips**, Team Leader Policy and Research, Sevenoaks District Council

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# Programme

- 10.30     **Registration and coffee**
- 11.00     **Introductions**
- 11.30     **Community Planning principles, methods and scenarios**  
Illustrated presentation on the range of methods available and how they can be combined in a variety of ways to form a coherent community planning strategy for any development situation. Questions and general discussion.
- 13.00     **Lunch**
- 14.00     **Design your own community planning strategy**  
Participants devise the most suitable community planning strategy to suit either their own situation or an imaginary context. Presentation of strategies.
- 15.30     **Tea and Next Steps**  
Informal discussion on conclusions to be drawn and on further information required by participants.
- 16.30     **Close**
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Lunch and tea will be provided.

After the seminar, participants are invited to continue discussion informally over a drink or meal in a nearby wine bar as part of **The Community Planning Club**.

# Community Planning Training & Development Programme 2001/02

This seminar is part of the Community Planning Training and Development Programme, launched by The Prince's Foundation in association with The Civic Trust.

The Programme has been designed in response to growing interest in the practicalities of involving communities in planning and regeneration, in part due to new requirements of national policy. It provides training and support from leading experts on a range of specific techniques and approaches. It is aimed at both professionals and community representatives in the public, private and voluntary sectors.

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## Venue: The Prince's Foundation

19-22 Charlotte Road  
London  
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**Cost:** £150 + VAT (£176.25 incl VAT). Concessions: £75 + VAT (£88.13 incl VAT). Urban Village Forum members: £100 + VAT (£117.50 incl VAT). Price includes lunch and information pack. 20% discount if booking for 3 sessions or more.

To **book** your place or for **further details**, about this session **or other aspects of the programme**, please contact the Community Planning Training Administrator at The Prince's Foundation or visit the website.

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