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# Community Planning Weekends

*How to use 'Community Planning Weekends'  
to create a consensus-led approach to planning*

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**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 Weekends

Community Planning is an established method of enabling all interested parties, including the local community and experienced professionals, to contribute to the development process. The principle is that everyone who lives or works in a particular area has something to contribute towards shaping its future. By involving the local community from the outset it is more likely people will get the surroundings they need and want.

During a short but intensive period of structured, open-ended group working, the limitations of traditional design and development methods can be overcome.

Invariably the people who have everyday experience of their own area turn out to be the real experts.

**This training module** provides a rapid introduction to community planning processes, especially ‘community planning weekends’. Participants will be taken through a series of case studies, look at practical issues about organising events and design their own event.

**The session is for** anyone with an interest in community planning, particularly those considering organising an event or wanting to brush up on their skills.

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The course will be led by **Jonathan Davis, Debbie Radcliffe and John Thompson**, three senior community planners from **John Thompson & Partners**, which has an international reputation for community planning work undertaken in the UK, Germany, France, Italy, Lebanon and Russia.

# Programme

- 10.00     **Registration and coffee**
- 10.15     **Introductions and welcome**
- 10.30     **Why Community Planning?**  
Participants' own experiences of consultation and an assessment of the role of community planning compared with other approaches.
- 11.30     **Community planning event case studies**  
An illustrated presentation of events in different geographical and cultural or development contexts.
- 12.15     **Questions and discussion**
- 13.00     **Lunch**
- 14.00     **Organising community planning events: Easy Guide Part 1**  
Communications and 'roll out' strategies.
- 14.45     **Discussion**
- 15.00     **Organising community planning events: Easy Guide Part 2**  
The tools for the job. The skills and materials required to successfully run and manage an event.
- 15.45     **Discussion and tea**
- 16.00     **Design your own community planning event**  
Working in small groups or individually, design your own event and communications strategy.
- 16.45     **Presentation of strategies**
- 17.15     **Discussion**
- 17.30     **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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