

North Tyneside Local Development Framework

Support Project Review



Engaging Communities in Planning



Planning Education is at the heart of Planning Aid North's community programme.

Our work in education is geared towards helping younger members of the community to have a better understanding of the important role that planning plays in the future of local and regional neighbourhoods. We are able to offer a full range of curriculum and partnering support.

Planning Aid North is evolving this valued work through strong partnerships. One of these is our independent partnership with North Tyneside Council to help young people to contribute to the planning system.

This information sheet reviews our work to support young people to understand the Wallsend and North Shields Area Action Plans and contribute to the future of their local areas.

Young people at the heart of planning for the future

Background to the Project

Planning Aid North has worked closely with North Tyneside Council to introduce planning and regeneration studies into the curriculum for primary and secondary schools. These studies are geared towards raising awareness of conservation, development and regeneration issues, and then encouraging young people to take an active role in participating to the future of their local and regional areas.

During 2007, over 600 young people contributed to the Council's Green Space Strategy through our "Community Planning Forums for Young People" project.

The Council asked us to support young people to contribute to new Area Action Plans forming part of their Local Development Framework.

Burnside Business and Enterprise College

Burnside Business and Enterprise College was selected to participate in the Wallsend Area Action Plan. The College is located at the heart of Wallsend.

During January to March 2008, Planning Aid North worked closely with staff members to involve Year 8 students to contribute to the future of Wallsend. This approach allowed 270 students across ten geography classes to be involved.

Norham Community Technology College

Norham Community Technology College, one of our partner schools, was selected to participate in the North Shields Area Action Plan. The College is located on the western side of North Shields.

During February to May 2008, our team worked directly with 30 students from Year 8, during their geography classes, to contribute to the future of North Shields.

The projects with both Colleges ended with Presentation Events for key stakeholders and the community.

Details of our activities with Burnside and Norham Colleges can be found overleaf.

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Young people at heart of regeneration

Wallsend Area Action Plan and Burnside Business & Enterprise College

The programme at Burnside Business & Enterprise College included:

- Lesson 1 - An Introduction to Planning
- Lesson 2 - What is Regeneration?
- Lesson 3 - What is Community Planning?
- Lesson 4 - Spatial Planning in Practice
- Lesson 5 - The Importance of Good Design
- Lesson 6 - Presenting our Ideas!

North Shields Area Action Plan and Norham Community Technology College

The programme at Burnside Business & Enterprise College included:

- Lesson 1 - Identity and Change - North Shields through Time
- Lesson 2 - North Shields here and now
- Lesson 3 - What is North Shields Area Action Plan?
- Lesson 4 - How can we improve North Shields?
- Lesson 5 - A bit of Urban Design and Architecture
- Lessons 6 and 7 - Model making sessions

The ideas and views of the students were presented in separate reports to North Tyneside Council on each of the Area Action Plans.

Information Sheets

The following information sheets have been developed for this project:

Education Initiatives

- 06ED119 - Wallsend Area Action Plan and Burnside College
- 06ED120 - North Shields Area Action Plan and Norham College
- 06ED121 - The Burnside Community Presentation Day

Education Resources

- 06ER63 - Wallsend Area Action Plan in North Tyneside
- 06ER65 - North Shields Area Action Plan in North Tyneside

Planning Aid North Information Leaflets

We have a range of information leaflets on our advice service, communications, community planning, education initiatives, progress and resources, good practice, learning resources, planning knowledge, seminars, topical task sheets and volunteers.

Young people play a key role in the future of North Tyneside

What the Papers Say

Here is a review of articles published on Planning Aid North's work to support young people on North Tyneside Council's Local Development Framework:

Local Media

26.03.2008 - News Guardian - *Students put forward Wallsend regeneration proposals* - "The local authority asked PAN to help the children study the Wallsend Area Action Plan and present their views to an audience from the local authority and parents."

Other Publications

21.03.2008 - Planning - *Youngsters shape Tyneside's future* - "In North Tyneside, students from Burnside and Norham Community Colleges are participating in the Wallsend and North Shields area action plans."

Web Sites

17.03.2008 - North Tyneside Council - *Pupils plan Tyneside Town* - "Planning Aid North and North Tyneside Council have joined forces to work with pupils so they can be at the heart of regeneration, development and conservation plans for Wallsend."

21.03.2008 - Planning Resource - *Youngsters shape Tyneside's future*

21.03.2008 - Regen.net - *Youngsters shape Tyneside's future*

