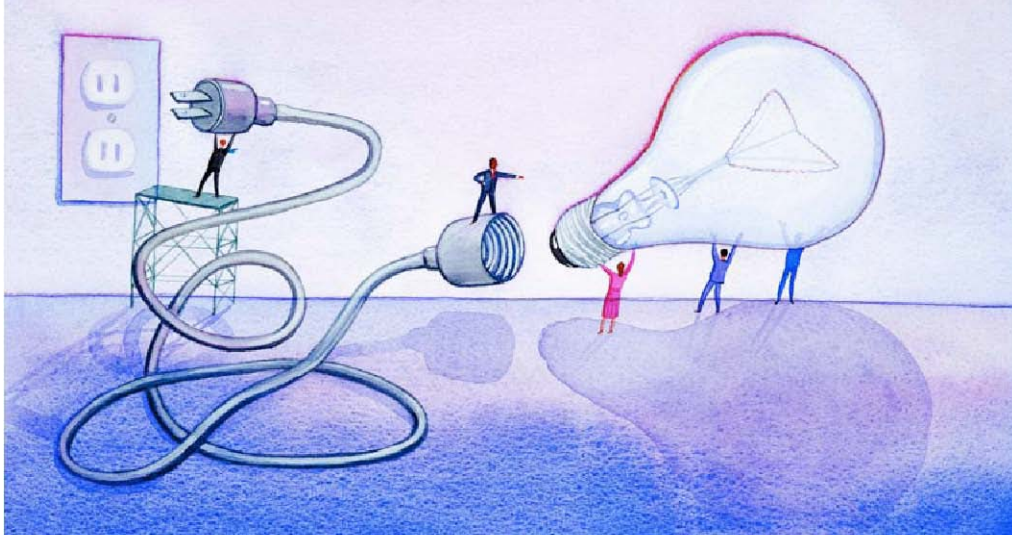


Linking neighbourhood and local strategic planning for regeneration

A Scottish Centre for Regeneration practice event
Tuesday, 26 June 2007
Dewars Business, Events & Sports Centre, Perth
10.15am–4.00pm



Getting smarter about ‘top-down’ and ‘bottom-up’ approaches can be as important as the ‘horizontal’ connections across agencies if effective regeneration is to happen. These approaches play an important part in the drive to significantly improve the quality of life for our most deprived communities in Scotland.

Sometimes this will raise issues. Community planning partnerships may face challenges about how to devolve decisions to neighbourhood level and how to link their strategic plans with neighbourhood activities. Recent moves towards outcome-based agreements have raised questions about how performance management systems can both enable greater freedom of delivering outcomes locally and towards national priorities and targets.

This one-day practice event will showcase how four local community planning partnerships are addressing these issues and offer an opportunity to look at how we can share and learn from good practice.

Programme:

- 09.45 Registration
- 10.15 Introductions: Paul Ballantyne, Knowledge and Practice Manager, SCR
- 10.25 Practice case study 1: West Lothian
Alan Bell, lead officer for Community Planning, West Lothian Council
Alan will describe their locality planning approach which is founded on three key elements:
- a history of inter-agency partnership working
- strong performance management culture, and
- innovative and dynamic community engagement.
- 10.55 Practice case study 2: City of Edinburgh
Alan Howie, City of Edinburgh Council
Alan will describe how Edinburgh City Council has created a network of 12 new neighbourhood partnerships (NPs). They will integrate the work of existing community regeneration partnerships and other local forums.
They will also link city-level strategy to the delivery of local outcomes. The NPs will be supported by newly-appointed neighbourhood managers and neighbourhood teams.
- 11.20 Comfort break
- 11.40 Questions and round table discussions
- 12.30 Networking lunch
- 13.30 Practice case study 3: South Lanarkshire
Mike Wood, Strategy and Development Manager, and Jim Hayton, Executive Director Housing and Technical Resources, South Lanarkshire Council
Mike and Jim will describe how South Lanarkshire is building on the success of the approach taken in Whitehill in which the introduction of 'neighbourhood management', which has helped provide operational delivery on key elements of the community plan, strategic plan and regeneration and mainstream services together.
- 14.00 Practice case study 4: Aberdeen
Kath Beveridge, Head of Community Planning and Regeneration Strategic Leadership, and Mark Armstrong, Head of Service Culture & Learning, Neighbourhood Services Central
Kath and Mark will describe how neighbourhood teams with decentralised budgets, staffing and operational management were established in Aberdeen.
Neighbourhood action plans have been produced and are supplemented by community of interest action plans for city-wide interests, for example young people.
- 14.30p Questions and round table discussions
- 15.15p Open forum discussion and way forward: Paul Ballantyne
- 15.45 Closing remarks
- 16.00 Close
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Who should attend?

This event is for people interested in community regeneration policy and practice. You may work for or be involved with:

- community planning partnerships
- social economy organisations
- regeneration companies
- the Scottish Executive
- local authority departments
- NHS boards and the wider health sector
- community and voluntary organisations
- registered social landlords and housing associations, or
- members of the Community Voices network and community representatives.

How to book

The easiest way to book is to go online and complete the [online booking form](#). This is also available by going to the Scottish Centre for Regeneration website at www.scr.communitiesscotland.gov.uk.

If you have difficulty with our online booking please call Maria on 0141 434 1500.

The venue

Dewars Centre is located in central Perth, five minutes' walk from Perth train station. Full directions are available from <http://www.dewarscentre.co.uk/map.htm>

There is no charge for this event, but places are limited per organisation. If you can't attend after booking a place, please tell us as soon as possible. Our events are often oversubscribed and we need to be sure that as many people as possible can benefit from them. If you fail to attend without giving us at least 24 hours' notice, you may be put on a waiting list if you wish to book a place at future events.