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Developing the
well-connected community

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Community involvement in
regeneration programmes


Inclusive and sustainable
strategies



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Key policy concepts

- Subsidiarity
- partnership
- sustainability
- social inclusion
- capacity-building



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Improving quality of life

- Access to economic activity
- health
- environment
- social welfare
- education
- equality of opportunity



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Why bother with community involvement ?

- Ethical - only fair
- Democratic - better decision-making and accountability
- Policy requirement
- Economic - money circulation, social enterprise, local markets, informal & mutual
- Health and welfare - social networks

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Process, not an event

- Empowerment
- Developing capacity in partnership
- Building relationships
- Involving users, members and residents
- Reaching beyond voluntary organisations
- Dealing with dissent
- Negotiating agreement

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Community participation

- More than consultation
- Devolving responsibility and control
- Shared identity
- Common purpose

• People involved in the development, design, and delivery of the programme

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Community development

- Coming together
- Compare experiences
- Pool ideas
- Voice concerns
- Explore possibilities
- Set up voluntary associations
- Develop strategies and partnerships

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The well-connected community

- Community spirit, not sentimental
- Robust, flexible web of relationships
- Interaction and mutual influence
- Complex and dynamic system linking
 - individuals
 - groups
 - organisations
 - institutions

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Inter-locking networks

- Psychological
 - affinities, attitudes, antagonisms, abilities
- Practical
 - activities, access, resources
- Political
 - power blocs, solidarity, elites

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Social capital

- Trust
- Mutual co-operation
- Voluntary associations
- Informal networks

- Impact on economy
- Health and happiness


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Inclusive partnership
key principles

- Equality
- Diversity
- Clarity

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Social justice

- Access
- Choice
- Rights
- Respect
- **SUSTAINABLE REGENERATION**
- **SOCIAL INCLUSION**

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Community involvement strategies - 3 strands

- Community infrastructure and activities
- Capacity-building - all stakeholders
- Tackling barriers to participation

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Achieving the well-connected community

- Opportunities for collective activity
- Citizen involvement in decision-making
- Boundary-spanning links (weak ties)
- Bonds of trust and mutuality
- Access to external influence and resources
- Use skills and values of specialist CD workers

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URBAN's aims

- Focus on difficult urban neighbourhoods
- Deteriorating services
- Integrated and comprehensive
- Promoting social inclusion
- To "act as a catalyst in a broad-based approach ...to help deprived urban areas achieve a lasting improvement in living standards"