

Asset Transfer Unit

Inspiring people,
transforming places

The Asset Transfer Unit is delivered by The Development Trusts Association in association with Community Matters and the Local Government Association, and funded by Communities and Local Government.





Utilising Local Assets to Develop a Neighbourhood Community

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Introducing the Asset Transfer Unit

- Development Trusts Association (DTA)
- DTA Annual Conference – Autumn 2006
- Making Assets Work: The Quirk Review of Community Management and Ownership of Public Assets - Spring 2007
- Advancing Assets for Communities Demonstration Programme & the Community Assets Programme
- Communities in Control: The Asset Transfer Unit – Spring 2009





Community

...a **group** of **interacting** organisms **sharing** an **environment**...a group of interacting **people** living in a **common** location...a group that is organised around common **values** and **social cohesion** within a shared geographical location, generally in **social** units larger than a household...**fellowship** or **organised society**...**national** community....**global** community...**virtual** community...shared **challenges** and common **interests**, regardless of physical location





Local Assets

- **Land** – pocket parks, guerilla gardening, green space trusts, city farms, community land trusts & energy service companies
- **Labour** – volunteer energy, community champions, professional development, cross-sector secondment and fertilisation
- **Capital** – use, reuse and recycle buildings; provide sound statistical basis for calls upon state funding under pressure; nurture diverse third sector investment vehicles; revisit ‘subscription’, the ‘precept’ and ‘state taxation’ – explore community shares and bond options
- **Enterprise** – totemism, community creativity, the grey economy, experienced private sector operators, sustainable development for communities





St Barnabas

The Local Authority as community anchor – leasing, developing and transforming a Church of England asset into a multi-cultural family and community centre located at the intersection between deprived inner city faith/ethnic groups to nurture greater social cohesion in the face of growing tensions born of migratory pressures





Theatre Resource

From Barnados 'special educational establishment' to the National Centre for Disability Arts & Social Inclusion

Redesigning the built environment, unleashing peoples' potential to access skills development opportunities and contribute to the contemporary economy

Blended funding model – arts or disability organisation? Capturing community interest through traditional fundraising and community share issue





The Ferry Project

Shelter, advice & guidance for homeless people living in a rural area

Agricultural social enterprise growing/selling crops through local markets, van delivery and a town centre shop front

A furniture recycling centre – warehouse and shop front – collecting, restoring, reusing and reselling unwanted household furniture

Future Business Development...adding community asset transfer to the mix





Together We Can - Mutuality

Contemporary challenges for communities & triple bottom line solutions

Transferring and transforming community assets

Unlocking investment opportunities through Community Shares & Bonds

Reconstituting community through shared ownership and management models



The Town Hall
Hebden Bridge





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