

A graphic titled 'A Route Map for Sustainable Communities' featuring five parallel, slightly curved lines in purple, blue, yellow, orange, and green. Each line ends in a circle of the same color. The lines are labeled from top to bottom: 'Bringing Communities Together' (purple), 'History & Heritage' (yellow), 'Business & Economy' (blue), 'Culture & Arts' (orange), and 'Environment & Energy' (green). The background has a light beige color with faint, stylized white outlines of buildings and a grid pattern.

A Route Map for Sustainable Communities

Bringing Communities Together

History & Heritage

Business & Economy

Culture & Arts

Environment & Energy

Introduction

Welcome to the Route Map for Sustainable Communities, a comprehensive collection of training manuals and best practice guides developed from PLANED's years of experience of working with local communities and community organisations.

Established in 2001, PLANED (Pembrokeshire Local Action Network for Enterprise and Development) is a community-led partnership which evolved from SPARC (South Pembrokeshire Action with Rural Communities, 1991-2001) and TCRI (Taff and Cleddau Rural Initiative) which started in 1987.

PLANED's aim is to engage local people in Pembrokeshire in improving their quality of life – culturally, socially, environmentally and economically. Adopting the ethos that:- "An enterprising community can help to build a better future. Developing local resources can strengthen the local economy. The greatest resource of any area is its people, their skills, knowledge, enthusiasm and commitment."

the PLANED process is about working with communities, enabling, facilitating and supporting them in locally integrated and sustainable development. PLANED has proven that by increasing the capacity of local people to participate in the development of solutions for sustainable development and sustainable living, they will, over time gain confidence to network, undertake and manage projects and maintain the momentum generated.

The Towards One Planet Living (TOPL) project arises from PLANED's involvement in community based sustainable development work, where there is an acceptance that individuals, communities and nations need to lessen impact on the planet by reducing consumption, using less resources and behaving more responsibly towards our environment

With support from the Big Lottery Fund and Countryside Council for Wales the TOPL project has developed the Route Map for Sustainable Communities as a compilation of best practice guides, proven PLANED methodologies and training. Through the following series of manuals the Route Map provides a valuable resource for both communities and the organisations that support them:-

- Sustainability tool manual
- Supporting sustainable communities manual
- Researching, interpreting and celebrating community culture, history & heritage
- A guide to best practice for involving communities in the celebration of heritage, local distinctiveness and pride of place
- Plugging the leaks manual
- A guide to developing & supporting community led tourism
- A guide to best practice for involving businesses & communities in the development of enterprise in rural communities
- Organising community festivals and events guide

In conjunction with developing the Route Map, PLANED are going to be offering training services, facilitation, on-line resources and support on all aspects of the Route Map with the aim of sharing years of best practice of successful community development.

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