



LEARNING AND LEGACY THE ROLE OF EDUCATION IN CREATING HEALTHIER, HAPPIER CITIES
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New Space, New Project: Consultation Time

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First ECCG&O – a project idea, a space



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Second ECCG&O – a space, a project request



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Purpose of Consultation



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- To give communities a voice and an opportunity to influence.
- To enable to be creators instead of just consumers.
- To empower and give ownership to the community.
- Should have a purpose and followed by action/decision

Aims and Objectives



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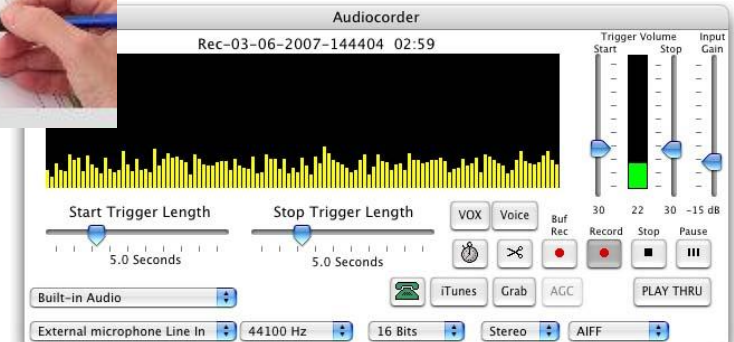


- Identify your aims and objectives (SMART)
- Determine at which level you want to consult?
 - Students only, staff only, both, external organisation, community surrounding your campus?
- Consider what resources are available for your consultation.

Choose and adequate method of consultation.



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How consultation can help to be more sustainable.



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- Prioritising the first tasks/infrastructures.
- Making sure that ideas, resources and capacity are matching.
- Helping participants to take ownership of the project.



Activity 1 -



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Your institution is releasing an outdoor space for a new project that will engage institution's community and wider community.

What would you like to see in this space?



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Activity 2 – What would you like to do in this space?



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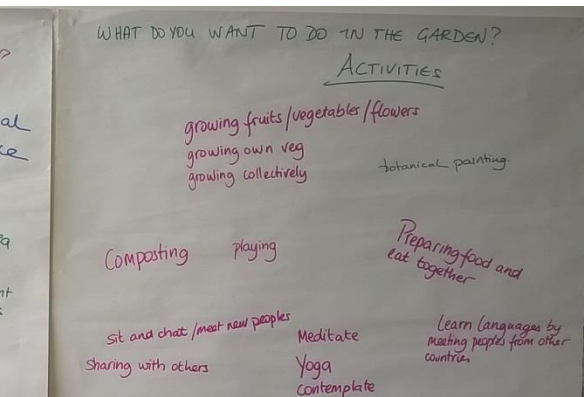
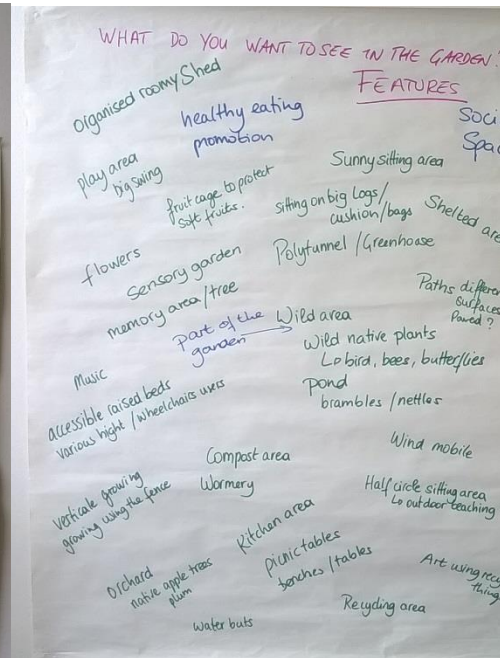
Open question to encourage participation.



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- What would you like to see in this space?
- How do you imagine this space once completed?
- What infrastructures do we need?
- What do you want to do in the space? How would you like to use the space?
- How often do we want to use the space?



Result and Feedback



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- Sorting into categories
 - What you want to see – infrastructure
 - What you want to do – activities
- Let the participants know in advance the mechanism for feeding back results
 - Bullet points and summaries
 - Full report can be available electronically

Evaluating



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- Informing about any discrepancies between ideas, resources and capacity. SMART
- Evaluating the consultation
 - Was the method appropriate?
 - What did or didn't work and why?
 - Realistic timescale?

Tips



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- Be resourceful
- Use prompt: empty boxes, crates, buckets, Lego bricks, coloured papers....
- Consult directly in the new location to help visualising the space
- Ensure inclusion – consider barriers (transport, literacy level, language)
- Choose an accessible venue to all

Tips



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- Include hard to reach groups and find outside the box ways to have their views
- If resources allow, use different methods of consultation
- Develop facilitation skills to make sure that everyone takes part
- Make sure everyone enjoy the process, you too! Get to know your future participants.



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Many thanks

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