

Endangered Spaces

Resources and further reading



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At Locality, we've known for some time that many of our important local buildings and spaces are being lost. Our swimming pools and libraries; our parks and play areas; our community centres and town halls are being sold off for private use.

These are the everyday places where extraordinary things happen, where local people come together, access vital services and support each other. Once sold off to private developers they are lost to us, forever.

All over the country thousands of local people are coming together to step in, step up and fight to save these buildings and spaces through community ownership. This is a solution that puts our much-loved buildings and spaces back at the heart of the community and protects them for generations to come.

Together, we can save community spaces from extinction

That's why Co-op and Locality are working together to help save our much-loved community buildings and spaces from being sold off for private use.

We'll protect, support and improve 2,000 community social spaces over the next three years, demonstrating co-operation in practice.

Co-op's Member Pioneers will work with Co-op members and customers to identify endangered spaces and raise awareness of the importance of community spaces.

Co-op Foundation is inviting community organisations to apply for funding from Space to Connect - a new £1.6 million partnership with government - to maximise the potential of spaces where people can connect and co-operate.

Apply for funding to improve your community space (England only):
www.coopfoundation.org.uk

What can you do?

We have created three Endangered Spaces toolkits to give you an introduction to how you can save a space at risk.

Whether you want to save a local building from demolition and closure, or would like to see a well-used space continue to thrive, this toolkit gives you the information and confidence to get involved further.

These toolkits have been designed to introduce you to the key ideas, approaches and resources to save, improve and support community spaces.

It's meant to be an introduction to what can be a complex subject. As a result, more in-depth guidance has been referred to throughout this guide. You can get further help by:

- Reading the Endangered Spaces toolkit – [Together, we can save community spaces from extinction](#)
- Reading the Endangered Spaces toolkit – [What you need to know before you start](#)
- Chatting to [your local Co-op Member Pioneer](#). Co-op Member Pioneers help bring people together to increase co-operation in local communities.
- [Registering an Endangered Space through the Advice Form](#) – open from Friday 28 June 2019 – Thursday 18 July 2019. Please note, these dates may change.

Resources and further reading

Community Asset Transfer

- Understanding Community Asset Transfer, A guide for community organisations. Locality: <https://locality.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Understanding-Community-Assets-Transfer-Guide-for-Community-Organisations.pdf>

Community engagement

- Community Organising – Principles of Practice: <https://www.corganisers.org.uk/training/learning-resources/principles-of-practice/>
- Liberating Structures Menu: <http://www.liberatingstructures.com/lis-menu/>
- Making Local Woods Work project has lots of community engagement examples: <https://www.makinglocalwoodwork.org/community-engagement>
- Public participation tools: http://scottishhealthcouncil.org/patient_public_participation/participation_toolkit/the_participation_tools.aspx#.XQEFnYhKiUI

Community Right to Bid (Assets of Community Value)

- Keep It In The Community, My Society: <https://www.mysociety.org/2018/06/11/introducing-keep-it-in-the-community/>

Endangered Spaces Toolkits

- Together, we can save community spaces from extinction: www.coop.co.uk/endangeredspace
- What you need to know before you start: www.coop.co.uk/endangeredspace

Environmental issues

- Guerrilla Gardeners: <http://www.guerrillagardening.org/ggwar.html>
- Incredible Edible: <https://www.incredibleedible.org.uk/find-a-group/>
- Keep Britain Tidy: <https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/volunteer/litter-heroes>

Funding and finance

- Co-op Foundation: <https://www.coopfoundation.org.uk/>
- Community Shares: <http://communityshares.org.uk/>
- The National Lottery Community Fund:
<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/>
- The National Lottery Community Fund, Lessons and opportunities for place-based working and funding:
https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/media/documents/BLF_KL18-11-Place-Based-Funding.pdf
- Power to Change Trust: <https://www.powertochange.org.uk/>
- Scottish Land Fund (Scotland only):
<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/scottish-land-fund>

Heritage assets

- Pillars of the community: the transfer of local authority heritage assets, Historic England: <https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/pillars-of-the-community/>

Legal issues

- The Charity Commission:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/charity-commission>
- Scottish Charity Regulator: <https://www.oscr.org.uk/>
- Choosing a legal structure: A toolkit for community organisations, Locality:
<https://locality.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Choosing-a-legal-structure-toolkit.pdf>

- Community Interest Companies:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/office-of-the-regulator-of-community-interest-companies>
- Managing Without Profit, Hudson M, Directory of Social Change:
<https://www.dsc.org.uk/publication/managing-without-profit/>

Management of land and buildings

- The Building Calculator: www.buildingcalculator.org.uk
- Community Buildings Checker, Locality:
www.communitybuildingschecker.org.uk
- Ethical Property Company: <http://www.ethicalproperty.co.uk/>
- National Federations of Parks and Green Spaces:
<https://www.natfedparks.org.uk/>

Mapping community spaces

- Mapping local community assets online:
<https://mycommunity.org.uk/resources/mapping-local-community-assets-online/>

Neighbourhood Planning

- Neighbourhood Planning
<https://neighbourhoodplanning.org/about/neighbourhood-planning/>

Policy and research

- Community ownership and management of assets, Aiken M et al, Joseph Rowntree Foundation: <https://www.jrf.org.uk/report/community-ownership-and-management-assets>
- Community Wellbeing Index: <https://communitywellbeing.coop.co.uk/>
- Civil Society Strategy: Building A Future That Works For Everyone, Cabinet Office:
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/732765/Civil_Society_Strategy_-_building_a_future_that_works_for_everyone.pdf

- General Disposal Consent (2003):
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/disposal-of-land-for-less-than-the-best-consideration-that-can-reasonably-be-obtained-circular-06-2003>
- Local Authority Health Profiles: <https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile/health-profiles>
- Indices of deprivation map (2015):
<http://dclgapps.communities.gov.uk/imd/idmap.html>
- Making assets work: The Quirk Review:
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/communities/makingassetswork>
- People Power, Findings from the Commission on the Future of Localism. Locality: <https://locality.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/LOCALITY-LOCALISM-FULL-ONLINE-REPORT.pdf>
- Save our Spaces: The Great British Sell Off, Locality:
<https://locality.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/The-Great-British-Sell-Off-FINAL.pdf>

Practitioners and networks

- Activate! Land in the hands of communities, Shared Assets, Local Trust:
http://localtrust.org.uk/assets/downloads/documents/Activate_web.pdf
- Co-operatives UK: <https://www.uk.coop/>
- In Our Hands: A History of Community Business, Steve Wyler:
<http://historyofcommunitybusiness.co.uk/>
- Locality: www.locality.org.uk
- My Community: <http://mycommunity.org.uk/>
- National Council for Voluntary Organisations: www.ncvo-vol.org.uk
- Plunkett Foundation: <https://plunkett.co.uk/>

Setting Project objectives

- www.businessballs.com
- <https://www.projectsmart.co.uk/stepping-up-smart-goals.php>

Stakeholder involvement

- List of councils in England by type:
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/791684/List_of_councils_in_England_2019.pdf

Street parties

- A guide to organising a street party:
<http://www.streetparty.org.uk/residents/>

Volunteers

- How to volunteer in your local community:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/get-involved/take-part/volunteer>
- Volunteering resources: <https://www.ncvo.org.uk/ncvo-volunteering>

Your next steps to help save a space

Read the Endangered Spaces toolkits

- [Together, we can save community spaces from extinction](#)
- [What you need to know before you start](#)

Chat to your Co-op Member pioneer

Co-op Member Pioneers help bring people together to increase co-operation in local communities.

If there's something that really matters to you, like improving a shared space or getting something started to help local people, or you just want to get involved in something in your community, then [why not contact your local pioneer?](#)

They can put you in touch with like-minded people, offer practical advice, and help get you started.

Co-op already have 300 member pioneers around the country and are constantly adding to them – by 2020 they aim to have a Member Pioneer in every one of Co-op's 1500 communities. [Find your local Member Pioneer today.](#)

Tell us about an endangered space and get advice

Highlight community spaces you know of that need support. You can do this through the [Endangered Spaces Advice Form](#).

Apply for funding for your space

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