



Places of Worship and Communities: How to consult and build partnerships

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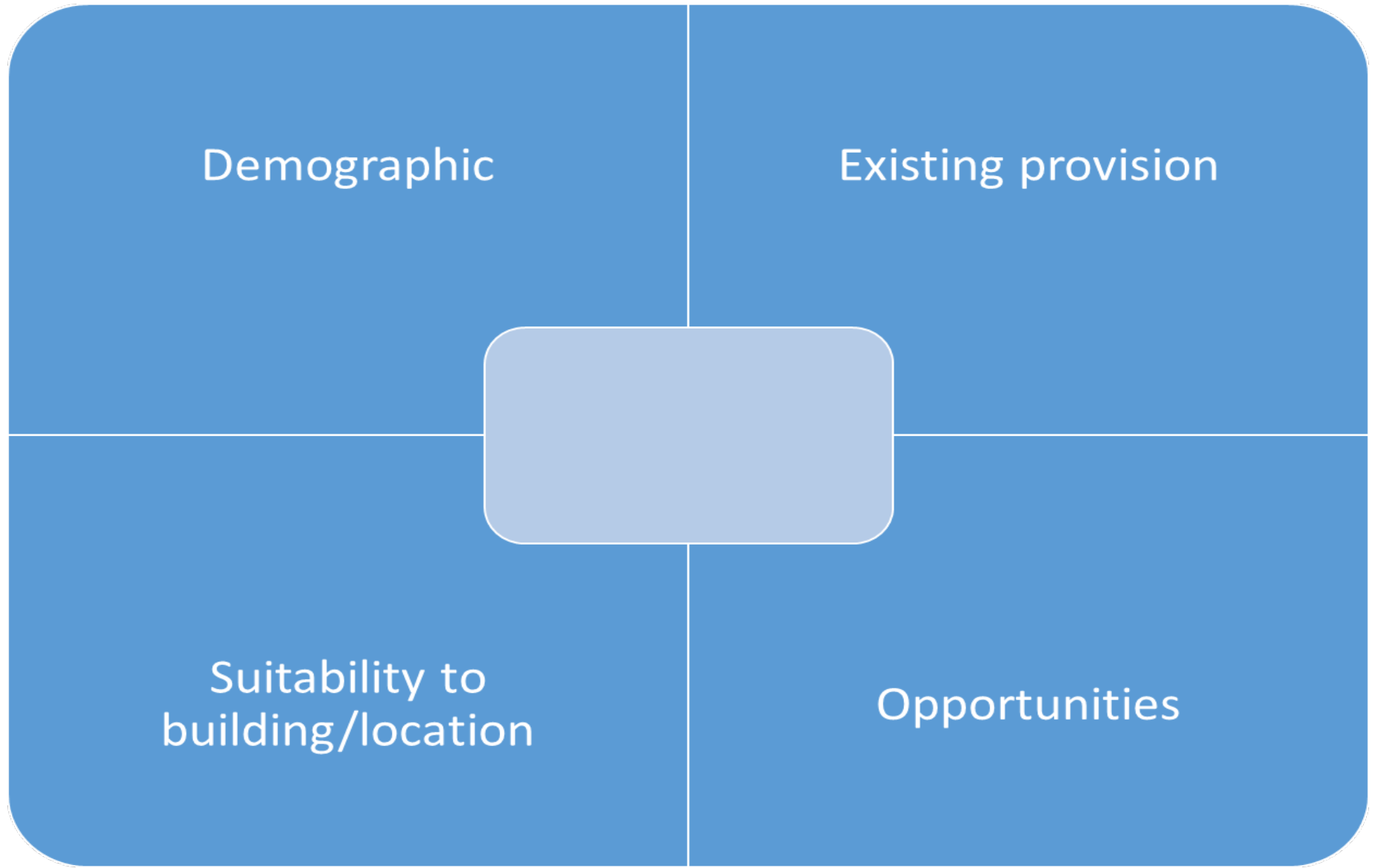
1. Mapping communities worksheet:

Your place of worship

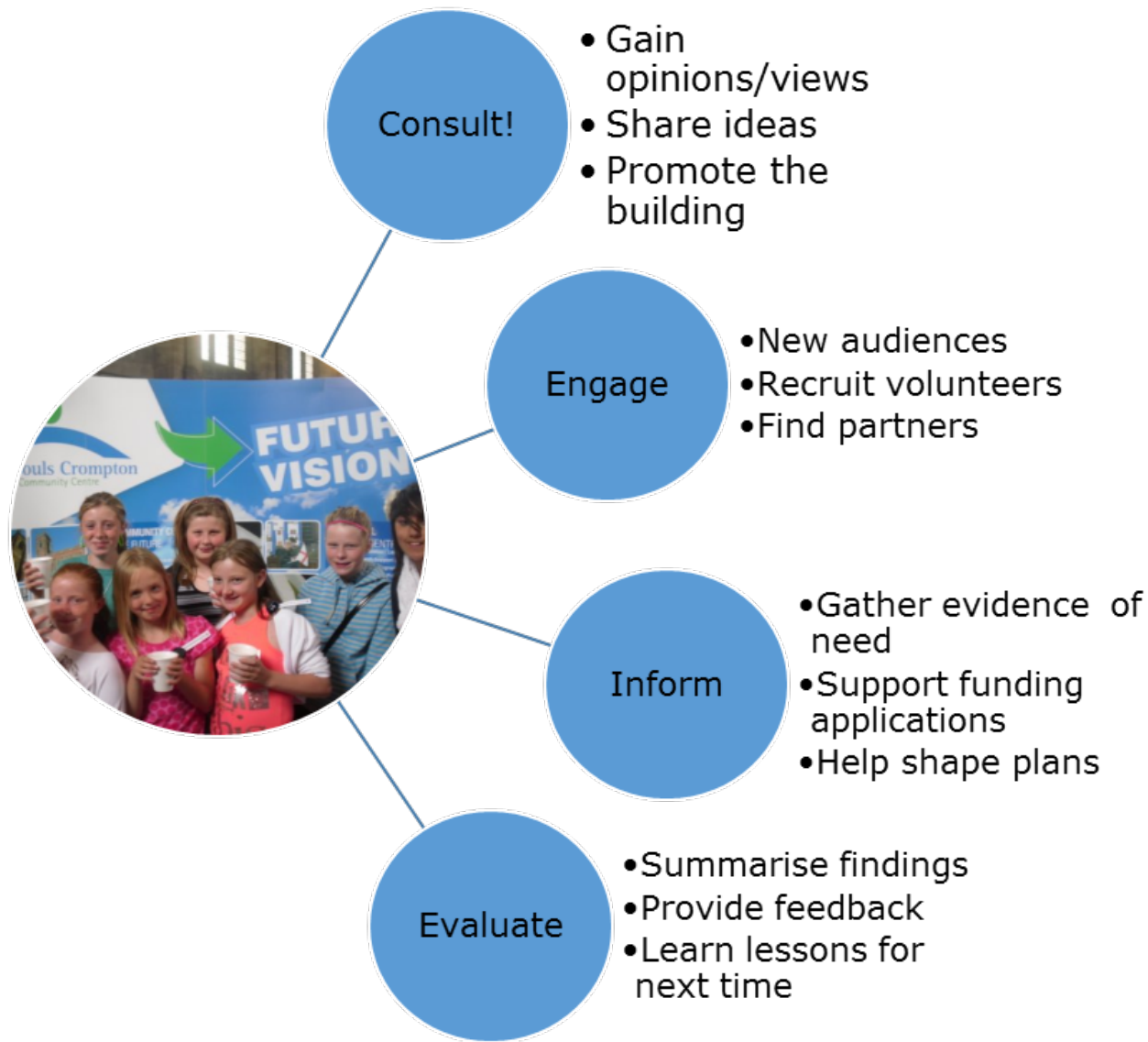


See slide 25 of the workshop presentation

2. Fact finding worksheet



3. Purpose of consultation



As seen in slide 34 in the workshop presentation

4. Consultation planning worksheet

What are the objectives of the exercise?	
What do you want to find out?	
Who's the audience?	
How will you let people know?	
Who will make it happen?	
How will you gather feedback?	
CHALLENGES	OPPORTUNITIES

See slide 42 in the workshop presentation

5. Example Pledge card

I would like to **pledge my support to the [XXX] Project**. The personal actions to which I am committed to are: *(Please tick all that apply)*

I can help with funding advice / support with funding applications	
I am interested in volunteering for the project (e.g. helping steward/organise events)	
Being an advocate for the [XX] project (e.g. passing on opportunities)	
Encouraging colleagues to get in touch to support the project	
Providing a support letter for funders (when required)	
Help to link the building to existing provision/projects	
Looking at opportunities to use the building for new activities in the future	
Establishing links for education / learning provision	
Establishing links for performance / corporate hirer	
Other (please state)	

What we will do with your pledges;

- The project team will prepare a small report based on today's consultation event which we will add pledges to (anonymised). A copy will be circulated to attendees on completion.
- A member of the project team will follow up pledges with you on an individual basis by telephone / email.

Name	
Organisation	
Contact telephone number	
Email	

6. Assessing options worksheet

OPTION FOR SWOT ANALYSIS: (*e.g. summer concert series in the chapel*).....

STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES
OPPORTUNITIES	THREATS

7. Links to useful resources and case studies

GOOD PRACTICE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	
Diocese of Herefordshire	<p>Crossing the threshold toolkit – a step by step guide on how to undertake a community audit and consult the community (chapter 2). Includes lots of case studies. www.hereford.anglican.org/Crossingthethresholdtoolkit</p> <p>Mission and Mortar - toolkit to help communities identify new and existing resources to look after historic church buildings https://www.hereford.anglican.org/missionandmortar/</p>
Historic Religious Buildings Alliance	<p>Useful resources and regular e-newsletter with sector updates and opportunities: www.hrballiance.org.uk</p>
National Council Voluntary Organisations	<p>Resources aimed at charities, but useful templates and advice on topics ranging from fundraising to volunteer management and partnership agreements: www.ncvo.org.uk</p>
Places of Welcome	<p>Places of Welcome is a growing network of local community groups providing their neighbourhoods with places where all people feel safe to belong, connect and contribute: www.placesofwelcome.org.uk/</p>
Caring For Gods Acre	<p>Everything you need to know about conserving and interpreting historic burial grounds. Lots of useful community engagement activities and case studies: www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/resources/</p>
Street Wisdom	<p>Guided and digital walks exploring local areas: www.streetwisdom.org/</p>
Setting up a Heritage Trail	<p>www.heritageopendays.org.uk/blog/designing-a-heritage-trail</p>

NATIONAL CHURCHES TRUST	
Tourism	<p>High quality resource for visitors and churches, supporting and promoting historic churches: www.explorechurches.org/</p>
50 things to do in a church	<p>www.nationalchurchestrust.org/50things</p>
Setting up a Friends Group toolkit	<p>Advice and guidance on how to set up a Friends group to support your place of worship: www.nationalchurchestrust.org/involving-people/setting-friends-group www.nationalchurchestrust.org/friends-group-your-church</p>

NATIONAL LOTTERY HERITAGE FUND	
Guide for places of worship applying for funding	Including good examples of heritage activities and community engagement: www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/what-we-fund/buildings-and-monuments/places-worship
NLHF grant programmes	Funding to support community engagement with the heritage of your place of worship. Grants start from £3,000: https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/

SOURCES OF INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR AREA	
Church of England	Searchable by Parish. Also a useful resource for any faith or denomination: www.churchofengland.org/more/policy-and-thinking/research-and-statistics Church Heritage Record: The Record contains over 16,000 entries on church buildings in England, covering a wide variety of topics from architectural history and archaeology, to the surrounding natural environment. https://facultyonline.churchofengland.org/churches
Church Urban Fund	Church of England initiative to bring about positive change in neighbourhoods. 'Poverty map' illustrates social deprivation at parish level. Useful resources across faiths and denominations: www.cuf.org.uk/
Methodist Church	Resources on community engagement: www.methodist.org.uk/media/5558/llp-community-engagement-leaflet-1217.pdf Needs analysis: www.mandsmethodists.org.uk/public/files/Governance/needsanalysis.pdf
United Reformed Church	Church related community work (CRCW) handbook: https://tinyurl.com/y4lh5caw
Catholic Diocese	Caritas Social Action Network is an agency of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, supporting social action projects in local communities: www.csan.org.uk/
Census	Count of all people and households. 2011 data. www.ons.gov.uk/census

Action for Communities in Rural England	Action with Communities in Rural England is the national voice for the 38 rural community councils who make up the country's largest rural network. Works with 52,000 grassroots organisations in 11,000 rural communities: www.acre.org.uk/
MACC	Manchester local, community and voluntary sector support organisation: www.macc.org.uk
Community Action Suffolk	Voluntary and community sector support organisation in Suffolk: www.communityactionsuffolk.org.uk
Ipswich Society	List of Suffolk civic societies, historical societies and statutory historical bodies: www.ipswichsociety.org.uk/home/links/
Manchester Civic Society	http://manchestercivic.org.uk/
Babergh & Mid Suffolk - Past Parish Plan	https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-planning/parish-plans-and-design-statements/
East Suffolk community-led planning	https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/community/community-led-planning/
Example Parish Plans for Greater Manchester	Shevington http://www.shevingtonpc.gov.uk/Shevington%20Parish%20Plan.pdf

CASE STUDIES	
Marsh Awards	Annual award for innovative church projects: www.nationalchurchestrust.org/how-we-help/marshawards
Church of England	Bank of examples from Church of England with a sustainability angle: https://www.churchofengland.org/more/church-resources/churchcare/advice-and-guidance-church-buildings/sharing-your-building
St John's the Evangelist Hurst	www.stjohnschurch-hurst.co.uk/ Participate in the Places of Welcome initiative: www.placesofwelcome.org.uk/about
Norwich Octagon Unitarian Chapel	http://www.ukunitarians.org.uk/norwich/
Eye Parish Church	Community shop http://www.eyeparishchurch.org/
Angels and Pinnacles, Suffolk	Good example of historic church tourism and education programme: http://angelsandpinnacles.org.uk/
Manchester Reform Synagogue, UK Jewish Film	Film club and venue for annual national Jewish film festival: www.jacksonsrow.org/children/
Cycling, Manchester	www.manchester.anglican.org/beelines/

Diocese	
Home Café, St James and Emanuel, Didsbury	http://stjamesandemanuel.org/home-cafe/

JOINT WORKING / ADDITIONAL USE	
Church Care- Sharing Your Building and Finding Partners	https://www.churchofengland.org/more/church-resources/churchcare/advice-and-guidance-church-buildings/sharing-your-building
Church Care- Legal Options for Complimentary Use of Church Buildings.	https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2018-11/CCB_Legal-options-for-complimentary-use-of-church-buildings.pdf
The Methodist Church – Changing, Growing Churches	https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/building-relationships/relationships-with-other-denominations/resources-and-information/resources/sharing-of-buildings/
Locality- Support for Community Organisations: Collaboration	https://locality.org.uk/services-tools/support-for-community-organisations/collaboration/
Making Changes to Places of Worship	https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/caring-for-heritage/places-of-worship/making-changes-to-your-place-of-worship/

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE TAYLOR REVIEW	
Taylor Review Pilot project	Overview: https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/caring-for-heritage/places-of-worship/churches-sustainability-review/ More detailed information: https://historicengland.org.uk/content/docs/advice/taylor-pilot-summarypdf/
Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport	Taylor Review Report: 2017 Taylor Review: Sustainability of English Churches and Cathedrals : https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-taylor-review-sustainability-of-english-churches-and-cathedrals

PRACTICALITIES

Insurance	Information on risk management: >Add your insurers website and contact details here<
Licences for music	https://uk.ccli.com/copyright-licences/#church-licences
Diocese of Edmundsbury and Ipswich	www.cofesuffolk.org/uploads/Entertainment and Alcohol Licensing.pdf
Manchester City Council	https://www.manchester.gov.uk/directory/26/licensing/category/351
Baptist Union Guideline Leaflet L14: Licensing for Entertainment and Copyright	www.baptist.org.uk
Church's Legislation Advisory Service: An occasional events checklist	http://www.churcheslegislation.org.uk/publications
Providing food at community and charity events	https://www.food.gov.uk/safety-hygiene/providing-food-at-community-and-charity-events

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