



Planning for Real ®

Description	Planning for Real ® is a whole process of community consultation, which looks to involve the whole community to formulate an action plan that takes forward the decisions made. The concept focuses on a 2D model of a building, community area or neighbourhood. An eagle eye view provides a basis for participants to discuss, explore ideas, and explore issues
Age Range	7+
Time	This is a great project based method which can start from making the model (it can be a map or they can work with sand/ playdough/ clay to produce one), through to implementing and creating the action plan.
Cost	Visits into the community for research, and model making materials
Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Very visual - Can allow complex discussion including consequence based options - Hands on, everyone can be involved regardless of age/ability - Explore real situations - Can make it budget related by giving people 'cash' to spend on options - Can put a sense of realism on the project – what will work against, what won't. - Provides a focus for discussion in a none threatening way - Can promote multiple solutions
Drawbacks	Whole process can be time consuming
Other	For more information about this concept visit www.nif.co.uk/planningforreal