Rediscover the role your building can play in your mission

Are you looking for a new way to put your church at the heart of your local community? Do you need to make changes to your building to make that happen?

We can take you through the steps of a major building and community project.

A major reordering project can take anything from 3 to 10 years from **start to finish**.

Whatever length of time you think a project will take, double it!

**Start small and try things out before setting off on a large scale project**

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**Remember that small changes can make a big difference**

Part of churches’ mission is to work among and for the well-being of local communities.

Follow the stages involved in getting a community-based, re-ordering project off the ground. Watch the learning videos. Read our top tips. And see what others have done.

Some steps will need to happen at the same time.
Stage 1: prepare the ground

Develop your vision

Talk to your community

Get a project group together

Organise yourselves

Choose the right legal structure for now and the future of your church
Get creative!

Find new and inspiring uses for your building

Stage 2: look at your options

Understand your church and your needs

Talk to your DAC about permissions

Navigate the world of faculty and building controls
Develop your idea

Choose the best and most achievable idea

Is your project sustainable?

Put structures in place to make sure your activities run for years

Appoint an architect

Working with your architect and your design team

Understand what everyone does and when your architect will hire them
Keep it green!

This is the perfect time to look into making your church more environmentally-friendly.

**Stage 3: deliver your project**

**Plan your building project**

**Keeping everyone informed**

Get your message across
Write your business plan

Raise the funds

Finding the right external funder

Filling in applications

Put your best foot forward
Organise your cash flow

Get the builders on site

Finish the project

Wrap things up and make sure the results have a lasting effect
Crossing the Threshold

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