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

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**

Use your building in all sorts of creative ways for God's mission

**Talk to your community**

Find out exactly what people want from their church

**Get a project group together**

Identify the range of skills and knowledge you will need

**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

See the potential of your building and understand its limits

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

Write your brief and understand the tendering process

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

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Stage 3: deliver your project

Plan your building project

Put together a plan so that you always feel in control

Keeping everyone informed

Get your message across
Write your business plan

Plan your way to success

Raise the funds

Find new ideas and get organised

Finding the right external funder

Make this process as efficient as possible

Filling in applications

Put your best foot forward
Organise your cash flow

Plan ahead

Get the builders on site

Understand what is happening on site

Finish the project

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

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