



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 7+
Age Range	
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	 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