

Speed networking discussions

Involving the community

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Questions:

- 1. Where is it working well?**
- 2. What are some of the barriers to putting projects in place?**
- 3. How can we work together better?**

Working well

- Mediation UK
- Food coops
- Bed Zed – a low carbon emissions project
- Community garden in a housing estate

Key factors for success

- Well resourced – both human and financial
- Community-led
- Ownership

Barriers

- Time
- Need to involve people from the outset
- Apathy
- Managing expectations
- Mobile/transient nature of communities
- Incentives
- Resources
- What does 'Partnership' really mean?