

Community Technical Aid

Guidelines for Community Groups and Projects Seeking Assistance



These guidelines are for community groups and projects seeking assistance from Community Technical Aid. They should be read along with our brochure or annual report which outline the types of community planning, architecture and project development services we provide.

Our Criteria

We focus our work on disadvantaged areas and socially excluded groups and assist projects which:

- benefit a disadvantaged community or socially excluded group;
- involve the active participation of the community in planning, development and management processes; and
- contribute to equality of opportunity and equitable access to services and facilities.

We also aim to ensure that we work with a variety of projects across the region.

Information we need from you

To help us decide if we can provide suitable assistance we need the following details:

- (1) How and when your group was set up, its activities and its contact with other groups in your community or area of interest.
- (2) Evidence of disadvantage affecting your community or socially excluded group (this can be from your own sources or official bodies, eg BRO, IFI, RDC, Census Office).
- (3) The needs you have identified and how the project will meet these.
- (4) What you have done so far in planning the project and how the community is involved.
- (5) Any contact you have had with funders.
- (6) What other help or support you are getting with the project.
- (7) What type of assistance you want from us.

How we decide which projects we can assist

When we receive all the information we need from you we are then able to decide if we can assist and, if so, how. We will discuss this with you and between us agree on how we will work together.

If the project does not meet our criteria (or if we are not able to help you as soon as you need) we will try to suggest other sources of help you can approach.

Further Information

If you want more information or to discuss your project, please contact:

- Celine Lowry (Administrator) - general information and membership
- Paul McStay (RIBA Architect) - building and environmental projects
- Lisa Copeland (RTPI Planner) - planning projects
- Colm Bradley (Director) - project development

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