

Holsworthy Ideas Factory Outcomes

This document represents a summary of the discussions and ideas generated at the Ideas Factory event held on Wednesday 4th October at the Memorial Hall. This is a living document and we welcome your comments, additions, and amendments. To contribute to the discussions, contact the Community Unity team via email:

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Topic One: Challenges and Connections

1. When was the last time people in Holsworthy came together to solve a challenge (or issue) affecting the community?

- Funding for Youth Centre
- Men's Shed project
- St. Peter's Fair
- Carnival
- Holsworthy show
- Museum?
- Hospital's possible closure
- Leftovers cooking skills
- Children's Centre clothes bundles

Ideas:

- Forget Me Not group will be holding a drop in session for social groups
- Libraries - young people reading to older people
- Point of access Hub:
 - (some suggestions: Strawberry tea at Rotary Club, they also have a Welcome Box Scheme)
 - Converted double decker bus "one stop shop" all services play bus etc.
- WI - Rubies
- @Skill Centre speed dating
- Sports Pavilion being build

Issues:

- Bus timetable

2. How do you think the community could become better connected and build stronger relationships between its different sectors? Is there a specific opportunity that could make a big difference?

- In Holsworthy there is a successful Community Forum, it was agreed this was a bedrock for communicating out to and with the Community. **It was suggested they could help other towns set up their Forums.**
- There is a Town Newsletter and a weekly coffee morning.
- It was highlighted that people who work would find it difficult to actively participate in these forums and **it was asked that some forums occur in the evening to overcome this.**
- Sam Williams, the new Head of the Community College is a great link to Young People. There used to be a Youth Council run from the Youth Club but this stopped 2-3 years ago. **A Youth Forum could be set up to link with the Community Forum.**
- It was felt that it was difficult to interact and engage with young people of the 14yrs+ age group. It was pointed out that the volunteers at the youth club might not be confident in engaging them and might want some training around this. – **Could Space PSM or another youth org offer training?**
- It was discussed that due to the fact it was unlikely that the 14yrs+ young people would want to engage with a formal youth service provision, volunteers could develop a street based service, offering a presence on the streets that young people might engage with. This would not be about taking youth work to young people's spaces, but to assimilate with their environments and engage through the development of trust.
- The Hopper bus does not run anymore and there was concern in case isolation set in in the outer villages. This could be a Transform Ageing link or a Timebank opportunity.
- The Noticeboards at the Youth Clubs are useful for disseminating information.
- Emergency planning – make links between interested parties.
- Youth/Men's Shed – make links and encourage training activities for young people.

A discussion was had about venues for community activities, these were identified as;

- Magpie Club at the Football Stadium
- Youth Club
- There is a Social Club near Waitrose
- Methodist Church Hall
- Scout Hut
- Leisure Centre
- Hospital

- Fire Station

There were some accessibility challenges for some of these buildings and some buildings' tenancy agreements don't allow them to be let out by the tenants. Also, parking could be an issue.

It was felt that people in Holsworthy might not be aware of the range of venues available to them, this led to a discussion about the Community Forum having a website where information could be stored easily.

- Asset map on Holsworthy website
- Asset map on Active Devon website

Topic Two: Activities and Engagement

3. Are there any activities in your community that you would like to see happening, that don't currently happen?

Example: Rotary Club:

Opportunities for a local community:

- Local community groups can put their case and get support from the Rotary club
- They can provide help/ support for other people (e.g. men power)
- Rotary Club currently support North Devon Hospice (The Long House)
- Rotary Extravaganza- a variety show to support local talent - on 23rd March 2018
 - everyone welcome
- Strawberry tea - an annual event to raise funds

Rotary Club is looking for younger people to become members, as well as elderly, retired people. They are looking for a way to identify hard to reach people

Other topics:

Transport "Ring and ride system" – at the moment, there is no reliable system/service
Not many bus routes from Holsworthy.

4. What activities do you think might work to better involve young people with the community? Bringing them together with older generations, or engaging them with the town as a whole.

- For a new residents (not only for a young people) – welcome pack or tourists pack, or vouchers for local things e.g. shops, places etc.
- Forestry schooling – school groups and workshops for secondary and primary
- Holsworthy Info Centre – banners and posters for YP
- Arts Festival- artists and crafts people from all ages, young musicians
- HCE – Holsworthy Creatives Enterprise
- Information about different groups, activities in town available on Twitter, Facebook, Snapchat. Information should be young person friendly
- The AA signs
- Existing groups and communities to open communication with schools and colleges to raise awareness of their existence.

5. Training and Development Needs Session

- Safeguarding
- Defibrillator
- First Aid
- Fundraising
- Chapter 8

Topic Three: Resilience and Opportunities

6. How could you help the community in a minor emergency such as power cuts or freak weather?

The answer to this question were more ideas for the whole community rather than what anyone individual could offer.

- Lightning/ heating- candles
- Organisation in distribution
- Compassion
- People
- Power cuts
- Providing food and drink- Food Bank
- People

- Confidence and teamwork
- Skills swap
- Young farmers
- Scouts
- Church
- Venues
 - Church
 - Scouts
 - Toilets facilities
- Communication
- Reduce isolation
- Support networks
- Sourcing funding
- Help with Mental health and wellbeing

7. What new skills or training opportunities would enable you to do more in these situations?

- Chapter 8 training
- First aid
- Fundraising
- Reduce isolation
- Support network
- Skills swap