



**University of Brighton**

**Community  
University  
Partnership  
Programme**

**On our  
doorsteps**

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The following questions should be answered with reference to the project selection criteria in the Guidance Notes. You should also confirm that your application has been seen by and agreed by your Head of School/line manager. *It is essential that you have contacted Ceri Davies to discuss your application before this form is submitted: [c.davies@brighton.ac.uk](mailto:c.davies@brighton.ac.uk)*

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### **1. Partnership information**

*The names and contact details of all partners connected to this work. Highlight who will be the community and university partner and supervisor.*

#### **FACILITATOR/PROJECT MANAGER**

Nick Wates, Nick Wates Associates (NWA), Community Planning Consultants, Creative Media Centre, 45 Robertson Street, Hastings TN34 1HL  
(Nick Wates was Director of the Hastings Urban Conservation Project and then Hastings Trust in the late 1980s and early 1990s. He has lived and worked in or nearby Hastings since 1988. Local clients of NWA have included Gensing Residents Association, Greater Hollington Partnership, Hastings Borough Council, Ore Valley Forum, Rother District Council, Rother Voluntary Action, Sea Space and the South East England Development Agency. NWA created and now manages [www.communityplanning.net](http://www.communityplanning.net). More at [www.nickwates.co.uk](http://www.nickwates.co.uk).)

#### **COMMUNITY**

Community, voluntary and public sector organisations in Hastings & St Leonards concerned with planning issues, past and present.

Lead community partners:

- Hastings Trust (contact: Mel Bonney-Kane, Director), 35 Robertson Street, The America Ground, Hastings TN34 1HT Tel 01424 446373, Fax 01424 436740 [mel@hastingstrust.co.uk](mailto:mel@hastingstrust.co.uk)  
[www.hastingstrust.com](http://www.hastingstrust.com)

- \* Hastings Voluntary Action (contact: Steve Manwaring, Director), 31a Priory Street, Hastings TN34 1EA Tel 01424 444010 Fax 01424 432877 [Steve@hvauk.org](mailto:Steve@hvauk.org)  
[www.hastingsvoluntaryaction.org](http://www.hastingsvoluntaryaction.org)

Other potential community partners to be approached include:

- Better Braybrooke
- Burtons' St Leonards Society
- Castle Ward Forum
- Friends of St Mary-in-the-Castle
- Hastings Borough Council
- Hastings Community Network
- Hastings Environment Network
- Hastings Old Town Residents Association
- Hastings Pier Trust
- Ore Valley Forum
- St Helens Park Preservation Society
- Save The Archery Ground
- Transition Town Hastings

## UNIVERSITY

Lead University partners:

- Samer Bagaeeen, Subject Leader for Town Planning and Director (CRRC), School of Environment and Technology, University of Brighton, Lewes Road, BN2 4GJ,  
[s.g.bagaeeen@brighton.ac.uk](mailto:s.g.bagaeeen@brighton.ac.uk)
- Peter Ambrose, Director, Coastal Regeneration Research Centre (CRRC), University Centre Hastings, Havelock Road, Hastings TN34 1DQ, 01273 643914 mobile: 07776 218200  
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- Sarah Friend, Information Services Manager, University Centre Hastings, Havelock Road, Hastings TN34 1DQ 01273 644606 [s.j.friend@brighton.ac.uk](mailto:s.j.friend@brighton.ac.uk) [www.uch.ac.uk](http://www.uch.ac.uk)

Other potential university partners to be approached include:

- Nick Gant, Principal Lecturer, School of Architecture and Design
- Juliet Millican, Student Community Engagement Development Manager
- Jo Bevan, student volunteer coordinator for 'Active Student'

*What knowledge and skills the community and university partners will bring to the project and how they will develop and exchange these*

<i>Party</i>	<i>Knowledge &amp; skills</i>	<i>How develop and exchange</i>
NWA	Community planning Hastings planning Website design and build	Discussion. Seminars. Web material. Library resource.
Hastings Trust	Hastings voluntary sector Hastings regeneration	Steering Group and network
Hastings Voluntary Action	Hastings voluntary sector Hastings regeneration	Steering Group and network
Other community partners	Local planning issues	Use of library and internet resource
Samer Bagaeen	Scenario planning, brownfield regeneration, governance, public realm, community participation	Steering Group and Network
Peter Ambrose	CRRC research Planning theory	Steering Group and network
Sarah Friend	Information systems Cataloguing	Establishing planning and regeneration section of the library
Other university partners	Planning, design, sustainability, research methodology, student volunteering	Use of library and internet resource

*What ongoing relationship you envisage between the community & university partners*

Continuing exploration of projects of mutual benefit. For example: live project work on planning and regeneration issues in local communities. Training programmes and research at University Centre Hastings.

## **2. Project Information (no more than 1000 words)**

*Project aims.*

- To stimulate more and better community engagement in local planning and regeneration initiatives.
- To improve local library and internet resources on community engagement in local planning and regeneration (Hastings and Rother; past, present and future) in line with the 3-year strategy of the CRRC.
- To create a model for a generic local resource about community engagement in planning which could be adopted by others.

*The identified need that the partnership would address.*

Evidence from recent consultation exercises shows that there is a widespread desire for:

- More local involvement in shaping the future of the town, both from local people and from agencies (eg HBC planning department);
- Easily accessible knowledge on the best ways of facilitating this involvement;
- Information on what has taken place in the past so that new initiatives can build on past experience rather than having to start from scratch.

This evidence will be tested as part of the project and the needs more closely identified.

*What mutual benefit the project would achieve for partners*

- Better and more efficient community engagement in planning and regeneration.
- Development of resources at UCH of use to both local people and academics.
- Partnership working by local people and academics.

*How you think this funding will support you to pursue a larger project*

- It will enable a start to be made on identifying partners, creating an archive of resource material and preparing a development plan to achieve the project aims (see above).

*The activities you will undertake to build a development plan for Phase II activities*

- Establish a steering group;
- Establish communication networks to keep people informed and obtain feedback;
- Survey of needs of community and voluntary sectors;
- Liaison with CRRC/CUPP researchers in order to establish more precisely the research needs of the community;
- Begin assembling a physical resource at UCH;
- Scoping and feasibility work on an internet resource;
- Production of draft development plan and consultation on it with Steering Group, network of contacts and others.

*The impacts you think the project will have and an estimation of the number of people that would benefit.*

- Short term – stimulate interest in community engagement in planning and provide a focus for sharing information and practice. This will benefit hundreds of people actively involved in planning and regeneration issues, both in the local community and in the university.
- Long term – improve quality of planning in Hastings & St Leonards. This will assist improvements to the economy and the environment and will benefit the entire population (c70,000) as well as visitors.

*How would this work be embedded academically?*

This work feeds into achieving one of the key aims in the CRRC 3-Year Strategy – i.e. to develop at UCH an archive of all materials and documents - past, present and future - that relate to the regeneration of Hastings and area. This will form an invaluable resource as a starting point for all future research and community projects in the area.

*Who will own the outputs (e.g. the website content)?*

Ownership and copyright issues need to be addressed in the development plan and by the Steering Group. Under UCH's standard Service Level Agreements for archive material, ownership is retained by the provider but this might prove complicated if material comes from many sources. Ownership and copyright of website material is a highly complex area. Expert advice will need to be sought.

### **3. Project management**

*Please describe what project management arrangements you will put in place and address the question of ethics.*

Nick Wates will manage the project on behalf of Nick Wates Associates. He will be supervised by Peter Ambrose (CRRC) and Mel Bonney-Kane (Hastings Trust) and supported by a steering group drawn from the community and university partners. Sarah Friend will be responsible for creating the library archives with material provided by the community partners. Graphic and web design will be overseen by NWA associate Keith Gillies who has considerable higher education experience and lives and works in St Andrews Square, Hastings. The possibility of media and other students at UCH working on aspects of the project will be fully explored and encouraged. There are not thought to be any ethics issues.

It is proposed to hold three Steering Group meetings during 2010; in July, September and November.

#### 4. Tasks & Budget

Task description	Start	Finish	By whom	Outcome
Establish steering group and communication networks	June	Sept	NW, MB, SM, SB, PA	Steering Group of 10-12 people. Email contact with interested parties using new and existing (eg HENnet, HCMC) networks.
Create draft communication materials on the project including a flyer, webpage and powerpoint presentation	June	Aug	NW, KG, ST	A4 flyer, webpage, powerpoint
Survey of needs	Sept	Oct	NW with partners	Input to development plan
Begin assembling resource material	June	Dec	NW with SF and other partners	Resource in UCH library: archive on past initiatives as well as general guidance
Prepare format and proposal for web based resource material	Oct	Nov	NW, KG with MB, SF, PA, ST	Website format mockup
Prepare project development plan	Sept	Dec	NW with all	Project development plan

KG = Keith Gillies; MB = Mel Bonney-Kane; NW = Nick Wates; PA = Peter Ambrose; SB = Samer Bagaeen; SF = Sarah Friend; SM = Steve Manwaring; ST = students at UCH

#### Budget estimates (£):

##### Hastings Trust:

- Project management - 1 day @ £400 400

##### Hastings Voluntary Action

- Project management - 1 day @ £400 400

- Honoraria for groups and individuals compiling resources - 10 days @ £100 1,000

##### Nick Wates Associates:

- Project management and editing - 4 days @ £400 1,600

- Graphic and web design - 5 days @ £200 1,000

- Compiling resources - 4 days @ £100 400

Expenses eg scanning, printing, travel 200

**TOTAL 5,000**

NB VAT will be added to the above.

Peter Ambrose, Samer Bagaeen and Sarah Friend have each stated that they can absorb the work envisaged for them into their existing remits. This may need to be reviewed for future stages of the Project in the Project development plan.