

Martin Booth

Experience of working with communities

I have worked for nearly 40 years in the fields of community development, community education, regeneration, and the evaluation of community projects in both the voluntary and public sector. I am an experienced community worker and manager of community led projects in both urban and rural settings. I was, until recently the business development manager at the Sunderland Bangladesh International Centre, and I am currently an advisor for the Plunkett Foundation, which supports rural community enterprise and a director/trustee of several local organisations. I have extensive experience of:

- Community development
- The management of community and education and grant funded projects
- Evaluation and research in the fields of community development and education
- Developing social enterprises
- Management consultancy
- Advising on rural enterprise
- Preparing funding bids for community project
- Delivering training in all the above fields

Involvement in community led or self-build developments (especially housing projects)

- 1985 - 1998 Worked for Middlesbrough Council's Housing Department as a community worker promoting tenant involvement in housing management.
- 1998 - 2004 Worked for Banks of the Wear Community Projects supporting the development of housing co-operatives and estate management organisations.
- 2004 2011 Worked for Hartlepool New Deal for Communities on urban regeneration. Our programme of housing purchase, demolition and redevelopment was accountable to a resident led board of directors.
- 2008 onwards I have been involved in a voluntary capacity (as a Hudswell resident) with the establishment of Hudswell Community Pub Ltd, the organisation which raised the funds from a community share issues to purchase and re-open the village pub and for the last four years I have been secretary of Hudswell Community Charity, which owns and managed six rented properties in Hudswell, three of which we have recently built and let to residents in housing need.

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| Areas where they work | All Areas | | |
| Services they can provide | Community Development | Services they can offer through other providers | N/A |
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