Morning Group discussions CEA Conference

* **What is your contribution to the Community Empowerment agenda?**
* **What actions will you take?**
* **What do you need from others?**

Our contribution to the Community Empowerment agenda:

* Working towards supporting local groups to examine asset transfer options
* Supporting local groups to examine/ choose new models of management
* Ongoing capacity building with local groups relating to needs
* Supporting volunteers and volunteer development
* Working from the roots up- following local peoples’ agendas/needs
* Working with those not already engaged with/identify issues/on environmental issues
* Nature in the way we work!
* Facilitate!
* Link active communities
* Signposting
* Advocacy to reach out and inform the community! Meet needs of young people, educate people to understand
* Camera Obscura in Kirriemuir (asset transfer example)

-Volunteers

-Kirrie Den

-Social Enterprise pub, café etc

* Skatepark development –Brechin

-Volunteers

Our actions to take:

* Ensure groups are well informed about the agenda and options available
* FPOC is an issue – including funding for legal fees
* Look for like-for-like examples to learn from
* Participate in days like today and networks
* Liaison coordinate action plan
* Ask community
* Produce Community Plan
* Community Rep to be elected
* People from different communities
* Staff being well informed and supported in a realistic way!
* Ensuring people are not set up to fail, priority
* Training direction reassurance!
* Empowerment, discuss and understand, opportunity to engage with others

What we need from others:

* To hear from others with similar experiences
* Find out more about ‘charette’ as a tool to target isolated groups – is training available?
* Hear more from local people / groups
* Find out more about Scottish Land Fund etc
* Need to get the ‘right person ‘ in Council on board – community and ‘decision-makers’ working together rather than against
* Need for co-operation from all departments/services
* Issues with leases short-term when groups need longer term commitment for funding etc
* Realistic understanding from community groups re what they have capacity to take on and Councils need to make info accessible to make informed decisions
* Need clear list about what is required
* Step by step guide to be available
* What is going to be done to ensure co-operation from all departments/services (can be a battle, approaches/attitudes all different) and ensure communities and decision makers are working together as a partnership?
* CLD support to bring young people together
* Timescales to be shorter