

A shared vision - reinterpreting the library: how “The Hive” delivers a shared vision between a university and a county council for the benefit of the wider community

Session notes

- Look for established umbrella groups
- Look to internal teams/expertise
- BME groups
- Existing student groups → over 1000 students
- Use staff with for example usually impaired
- Create “meeting place”
- Consult existing users
- Mental health
- Mobility
- Obesity
- Long term unemployed
- Connections
- Link to academia
- Nutrition
- Flexible “cost” options
- Youth centres
- Older groups

Process

- Research first
- Identify Z (→ students) process (→ locals, stable)
- Provide a sense ownership from the outset
- Some decision ownership – community ownership
- HAVE A VISION

Access

- Colour schemes → signage
- Lighting
- Access from van → building
- Spaces non-threatening
- Changing rooms → staff
→ closed spaces
- Consider management issues
- Timing of sessions
- Special sessions
- Become comfortable with the building
- Address the fear/vulnerability → gradual introduction
- Buddy programs
- Staff training