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Involving to Devolving is a development project which is based on participatory involvement.

Within this project we are focussed on those hardest to reach and those who currently have the least influence.

- rural and remote communities
- those of interest, identity and purpose
- those who feel disengaged from planning processes

How ?

- by focusing on hard to reach
- by engaging with and listening to the views from our communities to enable them to influence the way services are planned and delivered.

*'its good to have a say but it needs to happen more often'
 'makes me feel valued'
 'this is the first time anyone has asked me what I thought and what I need'
 'we need more of these opportunities'*



What's new?

Many individuals within our communities do not have the confidence to progress the vision/activity for their community,

We will help by using tools such as:

- Participatory Engagement skills
- Steps to Excellence course
- Community Engagement Toolkit

We intend to mirror our engagement with our communities

by instigating a journey of informing, engaging and awareness raising with public and private sector providers.

By encouraging two way exchange of views by encouraging accessible information from service planners to our communities

By sharing the information gained to provide pre-emptive knowledge to inform, debate and influence proposals

By encouraging providers to consider options of co-production of services with communities

People's needs are better met when they are involved in an equal and reciprocal relationship with professionals and others, working together to get things done.

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Integral to our project will be close working with our partners in A&B Community Development and HIE Local Development Officers, by building on this and earlier work to enhance community development, assist the community planning process and encourage the co-production of service delivery.

By giving opportunity to people within communities of:

- Place
- Purpose
- interest
- and identity

this project is supporting a deliberative and participatory process with our communities thus **"Involving to Devolving"**.

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