

Other Projects of Exeter Community Initiatives:

CARD (Closing a Revolving Door) - an initiative to support short-term offenders from Exeter Prison, during their time in custody and on release, to help them back into the community.

PORCH (Prolific Offender Resettlement through Co-ordinated Housing) - a project to find additional supported accommodation for ex-offenders

St. Sidwell's Centre - a community resource centre for local people.

Flying Start Children's Centre - supporting children aged 0-5, their families, community groups and agencies within the wards of St David's, St James, Newtown and Duryard

Ujima - a project to support the development of groups within the Black and Minority Ethnic communities of Exeter

Housing Projects - developing initiatives for groups needing particular support e.g. refugees, ex-offenders, etc.



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Supporting Community Development In Exeter



***'Supporting and
Building Communities'***



Exeter Community
Initiatives

Supporting Community Development in Exeter is a project of Exeter Community Initiatives It has 3 principal aims:

To support development within communities by:

- Providing practical support and advice to local community groups and individuals in planning and developing ideas and projects to improve their communities
- Supporting the development of local people to enable them to engage and participate in decision making processes that affect their community
- Establishing projects to work with specific communities, for example, Ujima which provides support to Black and Minority Ethnic Communities in Exeter and working in partnership with other agencies on projects such as 'My Neighbourhood'



To promote co-ordinated planning and working amongst public, voluntary and community sector workers by:

- Identifying who they are
- Facilitating and supporting informal local networks
- Encouraging interagency meetings at neighbourhood level
- Facilitating new initiatives to develop an integrated way of working
- Enabling effective local participation

To promote an understanding of social exclusion in Exeter by:

- Working with other people who are committed to social inclusion to ensure that it is a central part of all community development work in Exeter
- Promoting the 'Open Hearts Open Minds' Social Inclusion Self-Assessment Handbook
- Providing training to support individuals in working through the 'Open Hearts Open Minds' Handbook and supporting its implementation within organisations

