

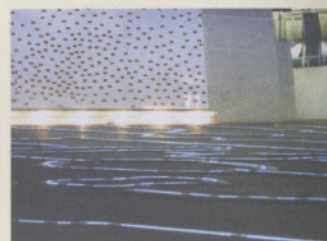
The English Partnerships Award for Partnership in Regeneration

English Partnerships has nominated one winner to also receive The English Partnerships Award for Partnership in Regeneration.



This award celebrates special qualities in partnership working between different sectors and interest groups in designing and delivering the project for the benefit of local people and communities. Given the complexity and interdependency of the social, economic and environmental causes of deprivation, the partnerships required to deliver effective regeneration need to build on the skills and knowledge of all sectors and all communities involved.

Partnership working is one of the key assessment criteria of the awards and so all BURA Award winners demonstrate successful partnership working in a variety of situations and offer lessons to others working in the sector.



WINNER: Phoenix Initiative

Coventry, England

The Phoenix Initiative is a stunning example of partnership working over a seven year-plus period. Although under no statutory obligation to do so, Coventry City Council's early move to create the Millennium Forum to oversee the project's delivery was key in ensuring that the scheme reflected local interests. The Forum comprised, for example, the business community, the faith communities, historic societies and the voluntary sector. It was given power to comment on the masterplan and proposals, and the council listened and acted upon this.

The Forum provided a strong sense of leadership and direction and was key to ensuring effective local engagement. Innovation and a true commitment to community engagement are evidenced by the public art element of the scheme which sought input from the city-wide community. Community engagement is a somewhat greater challenge when you are considering a city centre location such as this as opposed to a neighbourhood-based regeneration programme.

The list of contributors below, although not exhaustive, gives some indication of the partnership building required to successfully deliver this impressive scheme.

This list includes both public and private sector investors:

Coventry City Council
ERDF
Henry Moore Arts Foundation

Advantage West Midlands
Heritage Lottery Fund
PRISM
Designation Challenge Fund
Millennium Commission
Complex Development Projects (CDP)
Old Fire Station - Rois Ali
Coventry Cathedral Offices
Coventry Transport Museum
Sainsbury's Refurbishment

While the design of the project included contributions from:

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