

Public Space Design Challenge Resources (Explanatory article)

This series of resources have been designed to be used together to deliver a Public Space Design Challenge Day. The resources have been developed with Yr9/10 pupils and can help support Geography, Design and Technology, Citizenship and Construction and Built Environment Diploma projects.

The resources were developed by the Architecture Centre, Bristol as part of 'o' space project in Weymouth. It involved students in redesigning the waterfront Esplanade as part of regeneration to coincide with the sailing element of the 2012 Olympics being held in the town.

When designing your Public Space Design Challenge, it might be useful to pick a public space in your local area that pupils are familiar with and that is in need of development/enhancement. Your project does not have to be based on a site that is actually going through a real process of regeneration, although if possible, this can have greater impact on students.

Aims:

- Develop links between the formal school curriculum and wider social/built environment issues such as the development of public space
- Develop students' knowledge and understanding of the design processes involved in the built environment sector
- Provide an engaging workshop that promotes learning outside the classroom and work-related learning

The resources:

- 1. Public Space Design Challenge: Weymouth Exhibition (pdf)**
- 2. Activity Plan (pdf)**
- 3. Elements of Public Space (powerpoint presentation)**
- 4. Public Space User Cards (pdf)**
- 5. Public Space Image Collection (powerpoint presentation)**
- 6. Public Space Design Challenge Brief - Weymouth Example (pdf)**

Instructions:

Download: 1. Public Space Design Challenge: Weymouth Exhibition (pdf) - to read about how the Architecture Centre, Bristol used these resources to deliver a Public Space Design Challenge day with Year 9 students from Weymouth. This will give you an overview of the activity. Decide on the site you want to focus on and do a site pre-visit to take some photographs and do a risk assessment.

Download: 2. Activity Plan (pdf) - to see the overview of the activity and what resources will be needed. Decide on the date of your event and the students that will be taking part. You will then need to recruit volunteer built environment professionals to support the day. Contact your local architecture centre: www.architecturecentre.net, your regional RIBA branch: www.architecture.com or your regional Planning Aid office: www.planningaid.rtpi.org.uk for possible support with this.

Download: 3. Elements of Public Space (powerpoint presentation) – load this onto your laptop. You may wish to add some photographs of the site you will be exploring, from the site pre-visit you did in preparation for the event.

Download: 4. Public Space User Cards (word doc) – You may want to modify these to make them more relevant to the users of the space you are exploring. Print and cut out 4/5 sets of these cards. You may want to cut out images of appropriate people from newspapers/magazines to illustrate the user cards and to laminate them for future use.

Download: 5. Public Space Image Collection (powerpoint presentation) – print out 4/5 copies of this powerpoint image collection. When printing chose: 'print slides' option and print '2 slides per page'. Cut out to make 4/5 sets of image cards. You may wish to laminate for future use.

Download: 6. Public Space Design Challenge Brief - Weymouth Example (pdf) – you may want to modify this design brief template to make it relevant to the space you are exploring. However this Weymouth example should provide a useful template.

Collect all the additional resources stated on the **Activity Plan**, and then follow the instructions to deliver your Public Space Design Challenge event.