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AN EIGHT-STEP GUIDE TO AN URBAN COMMUNITY BUYOUT

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1 RESEARCH

- Identify land or buildings which, if in the ownership of your community, can help achieve your goals
- Find out more about community ownership – contact Community Land Scotland
- Find out about what funding is available
- Get in touch with the agencies that can support you through the journey
- Identify who the landowner is
- Visit other urban community landowners

2 CONSULT

- Hold a community meeting to explore the options – you can invite support organisations along
- If there is community support, elect a Steering Group to take forward a possible purchase

3 LAY THE FOUNDATIONS

- Constitute a community body, if required

  The legal structure must have open membership within a specified geographic area. There may be additional requirements if using Community Right to Buy (CRtB) or applying to the Scottish Land Fund

- Consult with the community and gather ideas on what people want
- Write a brief for a feasibility study and find a contractor who can produce it
- Register an interest in CRtB, if required

4 PROGRESS YOUR PLANS

- Carry out the feasibility study to determine the best and most practical ideas for developing the land or building once it is owned by the community
- Write a Business Plan
- Carry out technical work

  Surveying land and buildings and getting contamination reports if required

- Get a valuation on the land

5 PRESENT FINDINGS

- To the community
- To the funders

6 GET COMMUNITY AGREEMENT

- Carry out a ballot of the whole community area to get agreement to buy the land if using CRtB
- Or, get evidence that the community buy into the idea. This may be required by funders

7 COMMENCE BUYOUT

- Appoint advisors for the sale
- Finalise funding
- Complete the sale

8 CELEBRATE

- Your community is now a landowner!

  Many say that work has just begun by this point...