



AIM

Many of us have got used to the way things are. But what if you could imagine how a community could be? In this lesson the children will try to imagine their community in the future.

KEY QUESTIONS

- What does it mean for communities to own the land?
- What is enterprise?
- How can a community be sustainable?

SKILLS

- Problem solving
- Creating
- Working in a group

TIMING

- 90 minutes

CURRICULUM AREA

- Social Studies
- Expressive Art

RESOURCES

- Photo gallery - community enterprise
- For modelling – junk/natural materials



COMMUNITY* LAND SCOTLAND

STARTER

Explain that a sustainable community is one that has control of its own resources, can provide for itself and care for the environment. Show the CLS video clip at <https://www.communitylandscotland.org.uk/>

Then use the photo gallery to show some community enterprises from CLS. Ask pupils to say how they think each will benefit the community. Make a class list of all the things a sustainable community might need.

DEVELOPMENT

Pupils will work in groups to make a model community. Their model will include everything a sustainable community might need. This could be done outdoors with natural materials and then photographed or indoors with junk or modelling material.

Tell pupils that they are going to visualize how their community might look if it was sustainable. They can use examples from the pictures and the lists they made. They must plan and build a community which has places to live, to work and to play. It should be done in a way which enhances the environment. Each group can make an element of the community. Tick off the elements as they are finished and assign new ones.

PLENARY

Take turns for groups to show their models and answer questions. Take photos for display.

AIFL STRATEGY

Tell your neighbour. Ask pupils to give their nearest neighbour an example of a sustainable enterprise.

SUCCESS CRITERIA

Pupils are able to give examples of sustainable enterprises.

DIFFERENTIATION

This lesson could be done with drawings, paintings or maps.

EXTENSION

Photos of models or the actual drawings can be used as a basis for a piece of writing about how their community will work. any land uses from the past?