



NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL “HOME SWEET HOME”

York Consulting Ltd (YCL) is an experienced evaluator of government initiatives in the field of neighbourhood renewal.



Measuring the Impact of Neighbourhood Renewal

York Consulting was commissioned by the Neighbourhood Renewal Unit to evaluate the outcomes and impacts of Neighbourhood Renewal Funding.

Building on our existing expertise in partnership working and development, we conducted a major programme of evaluation, including survey work and intensive case studies with LSPs who had received NRF.

Working closely with a number of LSPs means that we understand the expectations, and constraints, that partners have to negotiate in planning and delivering neighbourhood renewal. We understand how policy can sometimes be difficult to translate into practice, and can advise you on how best to identify and achieve your goals. Through our tailored evaluation process, we can also help you understand how you might do things differently in the future.

Tangibles and Intangibles

At YCL we recognise that **not everything that neighbourhood renewal supports can be ‘measured’ in quantifiable ways**. That’s why our approach to evaluation includes qualitative review, including case study work, as well as more quantitative elements such as cost benefit analysis and value for money.



Developing the skills for sustainable communities

YCL carried out a project for Inspire East, one of the nine Regeneration Centres of Excellence, to help them **understand how higher education could meet the needs of sustainable communities** by offering courses and qualifications in the core regeneration occupations.

Our work showed that universities can play a significant role in helping practitioners to develop and enhance the skills they need to contribute to achieving the sustainable communities agenda.

“A qualification in one of the main building skills can help the drive towards the sustainable communities agenda”



Prove It!

Government increasingly requires renewal and regeneration practitioners to demonstrate that the work they are doing is based on a good understanding of evidence and need.

Our work on the Supporting Evidence for Local Delivery, in which we designed specifications for Neighbourhood Research Support Services, means we understand what kinds of evidence to use, when to use it, and how to use it most efficiently. We can help you improve your use of evidence, which will lead to greater impact from the interventions you design.



"It's not just detectives who need to collect evidence"

Our Clients:

- Neighbourhood Renewal Unit, ODPM
- Coalfields Regeneration Trust
- Inspire East
- local authorities
- various local regeneration agencies

The Neighbourhood Renewal Unit leads the Government's work on neighbourhood renewal and regeneration, and is based in the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister.

Working with you at the local level

In addition to the work we have conducted at the national level, YCL also has a considerable track record of delivering programme, project and policy evaluations at the local level.

Our work on financial inclusion for Clyde Valley Housing Association and Fife Council has contributed to local regeneration.



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