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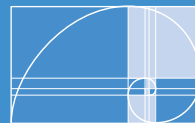
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... working to
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facing the challenge together

Jobs, a strong economy, safe neighbourhoods, well kept streets, restored buildings, cared-for parks and green spaces, a thriving community – the regeneration of Hastings is about achieving all these things.

Working together we can meet the challenge.

Hastings Trust has seven years of experience in fostering partnerships between the public, private, and voluntary sectors. Building on past successes and having identified the need, the Trust will create a new **Resource Centre** – a meeting place where local people will be given effective means to work together for the good of the town. All sections of the local community will benefit, business, statutory and voluntary, encouraging self-help and mutual aid for the regeneration of Hastings.

Supported by the Hastings Regeneration Partnership through the Government's Single Regeneration Budget, English Partnerships and the Charities Aid Foundation, the Centre will be a catalyst in the strategy to improve local skills, boost employment, encourage sustainable development and improve the environment.

The Trust will be working with Hastings Voluntary Action to reach these goals.

the place

The **Hastings Trust Resource Centre** will be at 35 Robertson Street in the town centre. The four-storey building with a shop front, will have a façade newly restored to its Victorian glory.

what will the centre provide?

With its computer network, library and café, the Centre will provide self-help facilities and welcome anyone wanting to:

- meet others involved in community-based initiatives to exchange ideas and experience
- make contact with people and organisations in the UK and abroad, whose expertise can help a local project
- find out how other communities have carried out successful projects.

Visitors to the **Resource Centre** will find:

- The **10 to 10 Café** where they can learn about what's happening locally over a tea or coffee, browse written information or use computer terminals linked to our own databases and the Internet
- The **Tools for Community Regeneration** database. A world-first – this will give easy access to the organisational and planning tools which have made projects work here and abroad. They can work in Hastings too, improving neighbourhoods and expanding the local economy. Case histories from around the world illustrating these tools in action will be on other database files and in the Library
- The **Library**: a reading room and meeting space. This will house the Trust's stock of over 500 publications. Over 500 more will be added from a unique collection of community-based initiatives across the globe amassed over forty years by John Turner, a world expert in the field
- Three-month **Training Courses** in computers and business skills preparing forty-eight trainees a year for paid jobs.

to give help we need help

We need extra help to get the Resource Centre up and running because of a short-fall in funding. In the first year funding is only half of what we need. We are appealing for furniture, equipment, money and other help, including the loan of staff.

The centre is for the whole town and its future. Here is an opportunity for you to contribute. Donors will be acknowledged in:

- The Centre's main brochure, presenting its full range of services

and besides the main brochure you can sponsor:

- Our more specialised **Tool Packs** covering: **Procuring Land and Finance; Organising, Planning and Design, Building or Improving, Managing and Maintaining**
- The **User's Manual** for the Tools database
- The **Catalogue** to the Centre's unique Library of books and reports on local initiatives from around the world. This includes a local **Agenda 21** section with its own custom database – local **Agenda 21** is the local version of the global agenda to promote sustainable development for the 21st Century agreed by world governments in 1992
- The **Prospectus** for the Centre's **Training Courses** in computer literacy and business skills.