

COMMUNITY CENTRES in the UK

**‘multi-purpose, multi-
inclusive’**



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Here, there, everywhere and for everyone



Some examples of community centres in the
U.K

Over a hundred years on...

- **the oldest community centre - 1901 in Leicestershire by Charles Booth (1847-1916)**

today - 18,809 community buildings in England and Wales (village halls, community centres & church buildings) Paul Mariott (1997)

an estimated 4.4 million people - i.e. 10 per cent of the population of England and Wales use community buildings every week

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new needs, new challenges

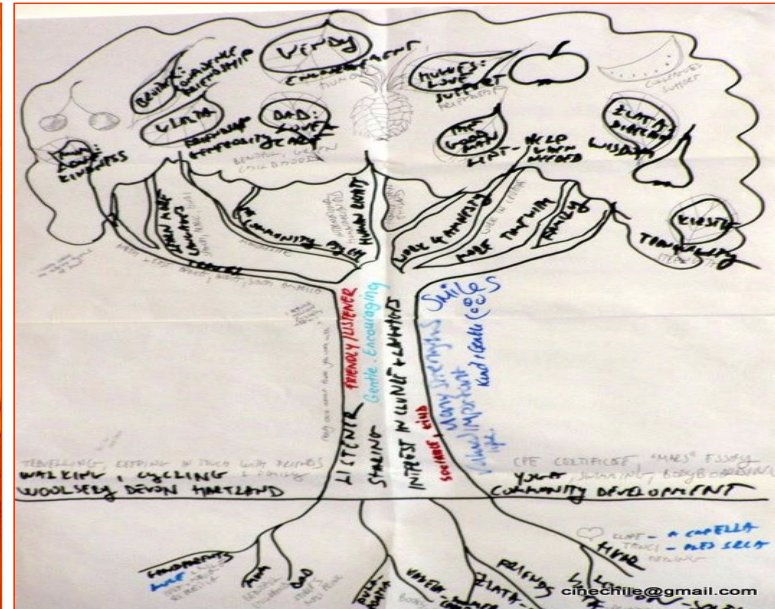
but needs are rapidly **changing**

villages, towns and cities are changing - becoming

more **diverse**, people's **interests & tastes** also **change**

the **challenge** - community centres must **adapt** and **change too!**

'Cradle to grave' policy makes it accessible & popular



Rejuve-Nation workshops, Exeter U.K.
These workshops are held regularly at the community centre in St. Sidwells.

**Community centres often try to
'bridge two worlds' - from the hustle bustle of shopping
to the less busy pace of community bonding**



Promoting INCLUSION

enabling people to encounter & learn from 'difference' in a positive way

St Sidwell's Community Centre @SIDWELLSTREETONLINE



Coffee & Computers
Every Tuesday
From 8th January 2013
1:30—3:30



St Sidwell's Café
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&
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- Job search
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- Find out what's going on

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Regular Spaces building trust & confidence ENCOURAGING INTEGRATION



An example of how a well organised, inclusive community centre can work .

St Sidwell's Centre, Exeter, is at the heart of the community.

Rejuve-Nation is one of many organisations that hold regular activities here.



New Spaces creating new opportunities



Rejuve-Nation members' weekly meetings include indoor and outdoor activities, as well as involvement in new experiences such as participating in radio shows, museum activities and summer festivals.

For the community, by the community

“..there are no special requirements for building a community centre - any place will do. It is the community itself which creates the character of the centre..” (on-line community centre resource - <http://www.the-annexe-partick.org/>)

