

At the National Churches Trust, we know how hard you work to look after your wonderful church, chapel or meeting house and how much you cherish and want to share your building and its architectural and social heritage.

Project planning, developing engagement, heritage, tourism and activity plans are tough. They are also becoming increasingly important in funding applications.

We'd like to offer you a helping hand, either before or after funding.

Project planning (heritage, engagement, tourism and activities)

FREE initial consultation (1 hour via skype)

- Opportunity for an initial discussion, to talk about project ideas.
- We can talk about what has been tried elsewhere (successes and failures), including images, and refer to relevant organisations/projects/churches.

Consultation (project planning and development)

Per day cost: £350 + travel (if required)

- Opportunity for ongoing consultation to develop project ideas.
- Before funding this could include project planning and funding opportunities.
- After funding this could include project development and community engagement.
- We can offer help to develop plans, facilitate reports and research, and lead expert independent community consultation and engagement.

One off reports and plans

One off report cost: £350 per day + travel (if required)

- Opportunity for support to develop activity plans, interpretation plans, audience and market research, business plans, options appraisals and independent project evaluation (including end of project reports for funders).

Training

Volunteer training

Half day cost: £150 + travel (if required)

Full day cost: £350 + travel (if required)

Training sessions and workshops are led by an expert in the field, who is also trained to lead engaging and participant focussed volunteer training.

Training sessions and workshops include (with others developed as needed):

- Community engagement (activity based sessions to engage your community with your plans, encourage their useful input and advise on how to include their ideas)
- Creating the perfect welcome
- How to interpret your church and what to include
- Footfalls: the effect of visitors on your building
- How to apply for grant funding
- Grant funding for churches (repairs and widening use)
- Weaving in the world wide web: using online resources to promote your church

A note about our fees:

The National Churches Trust is the national, independent, charity dedicated to promoting and supporting church buildings across the UK. We are a charity, and rely on income from donations, our Friends scheme, trusts and foundations.

Fees from consultation work will help us to do more of our work. They are at levels approved by funders, including the Heritage Lottery Fund, and can be included in your bids for grant funding. All fees quoted are inclusive of VAT where applicable.

