



The Shed-in-a-bus





Basingstoke Shed



- Basingstoke Shed, established in June 2016, is a Shed that meets in workshops at:
 - Everest Community Academy, Popley
 - Queen Mary's College
- Members say that the Shed is something they enjoy
 - Gets them out of the house and meeting people.
- Undertakes projects for the community,
 - Benefits both the community and the Shed's members.
- But it is only available to those who live near one of the Sheds.



Shed-in-a-bus



- A mobile Shed built in a double decker bus
 - Mobile library model – e.g. “every Tuesday”
 - Will visit communities to get Sheds started
 - Test local interest
 - Use our experience to help establish permanent Sheds
- Modelled on Basingstoke Shed’s site at Everest Community Academy
 - ~40m² space/Social, tea-drinking area/Essential tools (Chop-saw, various hand power tools, Drill press, benches, etc)



The Shed at work



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South Lanarkshire's bus



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Other uses



Mobile Shed is the prime use, but there are others:

- DIY Training courses
- Practical education for schools
- Promoting Shedding at events
- Children's parties
- More static space for Basingstoke Shed



Expected costs



- £50 to £70 per visit
- 12 members, average attendance of 8 once a week, £5/month + £4 per member -> £46 per visit
 - Cost may be too high for poorer areas
- Subsidising
 - Local subsidies
 - Training
 - Donations



Communication



- Focus groups
 - Project to be community led
 - What service to be operated
 - Internal facilities
- Email newsletter/Facebook
- Intellectual Property to be made public
 - How we did it
 - Bus conversion plans
 - Operating procedures
 - Etc.



Current status



- We have a promise of a bus
- We have a business plan, <http://shed-in-a-bus.org.uk>, a Facebook page, lots of support
- Looking for funding for:
 - Conversion costs
 - Tax and insurance
- Looking for funding or in kind donations for:
 - Secure storage or storage security
 - ~~Driver training~~
- Currently have £2k – need £10k this in year1 and £8k in year 2.
- Target for service to start January 20, with pilot starting October 19.



Help needed



- Publicity
- Social media expertise
 - Advice/training
- Secure storage – various options being explored
- ~~Driver training~~
- Focus group input (technical and service definition)
- Money

Or suggestions of people to talk to about any of the above



Questions?

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