

Why not host a local / regional Big Meet?

Background

A vital part of the Place Alliance mission is to encourage the construction of local / regional networks around the country with the ability to support each other to:

- Understand the place quality issues and opportunities locally / regionally
- Establish a local alliance for place quality (perhaps even an Urban Room)
- Investigate the possibilities for cross-sector collaborations and mutual support
- Encourage inter-disciplinary and cross professional / community engagement on place quality
- Establish your university as a Place Alliance host
- Ensure that the place quality movement spreads well beyond London

To this end we would love to encourage a programme of Big Meets around the country, bringing together key stakeholders in our network of Place Alliance university hosts.

We would suggest the following structure for a Big Meet and would be pleased to help you to organise one.

Organising a local / regional Big Meet

Whilst Big Meets are entirely flexible and can be adapted to fit local needs, we would suggest:

- Big meets can be large or small
- Think about sending invites to all key professional groupings e.g. of the RIBA, RTPI, Landscape Institute, RICS, ICE, etc., alongside key local government / community representatives engaged in delivering place and any locally active developers
- The key is to make them cross-disciplinary (and non-disciplinary)
- Hosting in your university either for an afternoon or an evening session, whichever you think most appropriate.
- Three hours should be more than enough
- We are happy to open the Big Meet with a presentation on the Place Alliance
- Follow this up with a TalkPlace conversation in small groups, see: https://www.bartlett.ucl.ac.uk/placealliance/pa-content/documents/TalkPlace_Midlands_1_Report and feed back to the whole. We can help you with this.
- After a break, open the floor up to an open and frank discussion about place quality
- Finish with some drinks and a plan to meet again.

If you would like to host a Big Meet place let us know on placealliance@ucl.ac.uk

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