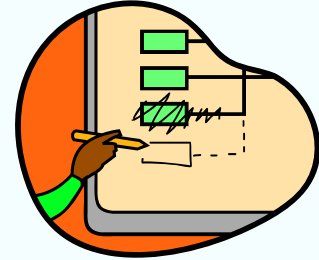




Getting HIA Considered in Planning



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Times they Are A Changing

- *Traditional Medical or Biomedical Model of Planning in HSC*
- *Balance is shifting to a socio-economic model*
- *Health – Socio-economic, Cultural and Environmental Factors.*
- *Improving Health Must Focus on the Wider Determinants*



IFH Commitment on HIA (2002)



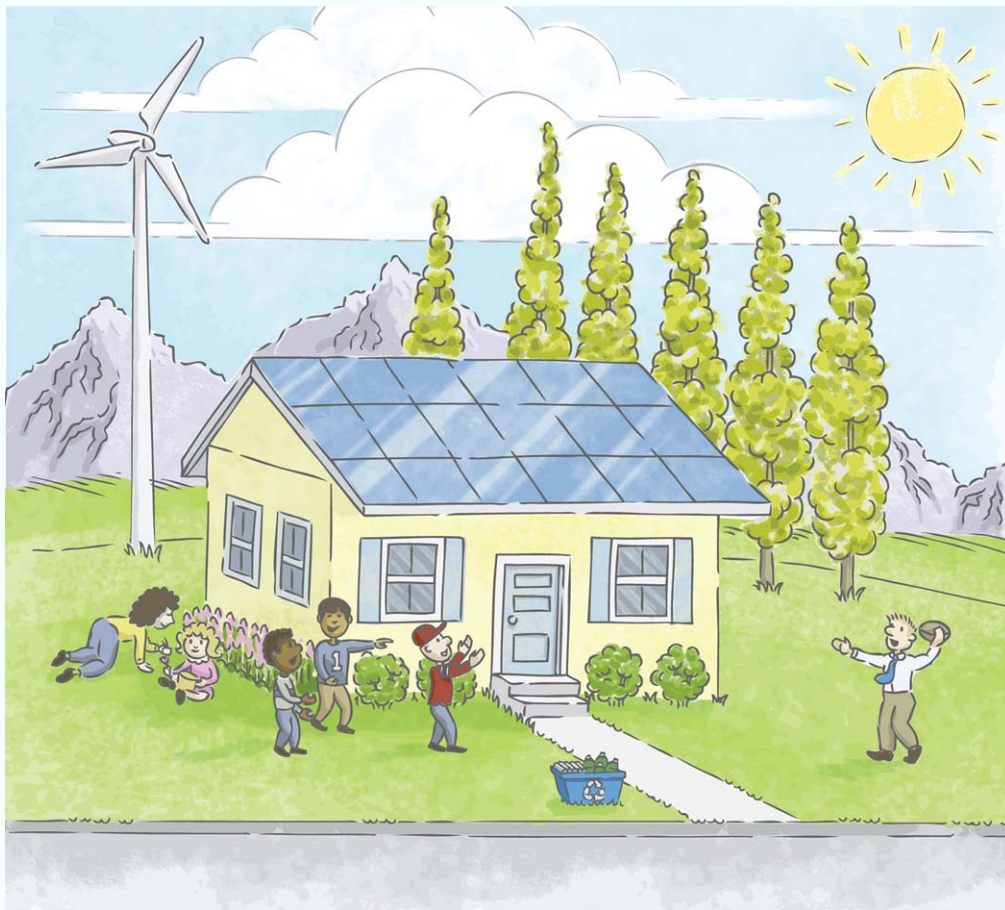


The Link

- *The social goal for health improvement can be the fundamental justification for and purpose of planning.*
- *We can work together to make a difference*
- *Its not about telling others what to or how to do it – its working with you*



Sustainable Development





Challenge To HSC

- *Need to understand spatial planning process*
- *Need to feed into the process – effectively and appropriately*
- *Allocate resources for partnership working and capacity building*



Challenge to Planners

- *Understand the wider determinants of health*
- *Identify the stages in the process where input from HSC can add value*
- *Actively engage with us*



Rationale for WIFH

- *Keen to see evidence-based information on issues concerning the public*
- *Health Improvement Indicators*
- *Support Decision Makers*
- *See the shift in Focusing Resources on H.I. rather than Remediation*
- *Economic Sense*



Where Do You Start





Where Do You Start

- *Training and Capacity Building*
- *Awareness*
- *Multi Sectoral/ Multi Professional*
- *Not a H.S.C. Responsibility*
- *Sense of Ownership/Responsibility*
- *Leadership – preferably not HSC*
- *Ask the Question – Would a HIA Suit This*



3 Easy Steps

- *Confidence Building – try out*
- *Screening Tool – useful for any basic process*
- *Get Familiar with gathering evidence and refer to it/use it*





How Do You Know Progress

- *Your asked - What's a HIA?*
- *Why haven't I been consulted on HIAs?*
- *Would a HIA been good for this?*
- *Others refer to the reports*
- *You see the results in the product*
- *Others try to ignore the process*



WIFH HIAs To Date

- *Dove Gardens*
- *West Tyrone Area Plan*
- *Strabane DC Air Quality Strategy*
- *Fuel Poverty – Impact of Warm Homes Scheme*
- *Consultation Tool – Liquor Licence Review*
- *Potential DARD Rural Poverty Project*



HIA and Public Health Agency

- *PHA joint Commissioner £4.5bm*
- *Health Improvement a Priority*
- *Performance Management Focus on Outcomes*
- *Need to Demonstrate Effectiveness/Impact*
- *Opportunity to Promote HIA as a Tool*



HIA and Future Partnership

- *New Role for Councils – HI Pilots*
- *Power of Well Being and Community Planning*
- *Opportunity as a Tool for Joint Planning*
- *Other Impact Assessments – Environmental, Economic, Equality, Human Rights*



Thanks for Listening

