WHAT IS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT?

A purposeful process... to identify and act on community needs and ambitions [by] taking joint action to achieve positive change

(The National Standards for Community Engagement, 2015/2016)
HOW IS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DONE?
HOW DO WE KNOW WHEN ENGAGEMENT IS EFFECTIVE?

Beyond The Castle

- Beyond the Castle aims to improve the urban green space around Lancaster Castle and down to St George’s Quay.
- The 14 ha urban green space and heritage site that stretches from Lancaster Castle to St George’s Quay has been identified as key opportunity site in the York Lancaster Quay Heritage Project.

Beyond the Castle started in 2012 with the Lancaster University led PROUD co-design project that generated a wealth of insights, key values and themes for the site through a series of creative co-production engagement and design activities.

The learning and insights generated from this led to a successful £90,000 funding bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund. From May 2014 – Jan 2016 the project focused on: historical investigation and development of site understanding, landscape management, development of digital tools, all underpinned with a strong community engagement programme. Please visit www.beyondthecastle.org to view description and results of some of our activities such as geophysical survey and earthwork survey, Heritage data hack - the first heritage data hack, archives and heritage festival.

In addition to the delivery of the Heritage Lottery project we have also been working with partners and have secured external funding for further co-design development and improvements for St George’s Quay.