

 **BUILDINGS: Regeneration**

Regeneration means bringing something 'back to life' or 'renewing' it. This can apply to buildings or even whole communities that may have been run down due to lack of investment, loss of an industry in that area or a downturn in the local economy.

**Activity 1**

Consider a regeneration project that has taken place in your local area, or one you have heard about in another location (e.g. a library, school or park). Research details about the regeneration:

- What was it previously used for?
- Why was the regeneration necessary?
- How long did it take?
- What happened as a result of the project?

**Activity 2**

Think about a place or building in your local community that you would like to be regenerated (e.g. an old swimming pool or leisure centre). Consider why you would like this to be regenerated and the positive effects you think this would have on the community as a whole.

Write a letter to your local council explaining your point of view, showing why investment should be directed to your regeneration idea. Alternatively, create a plan and a diagram showing the changes you would make. Take a picture of your chosen building/place and label your proposed plans.

**Activity 3**

As a class, think about a large regeneration programme that you have heard of, perhaps Castleford (West Yorkshire), Liverpool City Centre or Cardiff Bay. Divide into two groups: one in favour of regeneration and one against. Consider the effect regeneration has on a community and the cost and time that regeneration projects take. Discuss and debate all the reasons your group can come up with for each side of the argument.