

# New Futures: Former Places of Worship

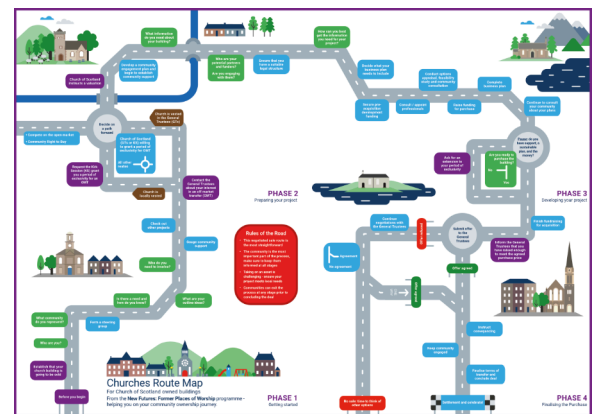
New resources available to community organisations

New Futures: Former Places of Worship is a three-year programme (January 2025-December 2027) to provide enhanced support to community groups considering taking on a former place of worship across Scotland. This programme was launched in direct response to the significant and unprecedented number of former places of worship which are due for disposal over the next several years.

The New Futures programme has recently published two dedicated resources to help guide community groups in Scotland through the process of bringing a former place of worship into community ownership. The [Churches Crowdfunder Guide](#) and [Churches Route Map](#) are now available on our website.

## Churches Route Map

The Churches Route Map guides community groups, looking at purchasing a building owned by the Church of Scotland, through the steps to community ownership. The Route Map details four key stages: getting started, preparing the project, developing the project and finalising the purchase. This resource illustrates the process in chronological order, allowing community groups to follow each step in detail as they progress through their journey to community ownership. This resource is available both on paper and online.



## Churches Crowdfunder Guide

The Churches Crowdfunder Guide has been created and published in collaboration with Democratic Finance Scotland in response to the growing prevalence of crowdfunding campaigns among community groups raising funds to purchase a former place of worship. The resource gives practical guidance on how to run a successful crowdfunding campaign and is illustrated with recent case studies.

