

## Activity 3

# Model city

### Aim

Model City introduces a wider view of craftsmanship and skills, considering the planning and design of our neighbourhoods. The group will learn about post-war town planning and the role of models to represent ideas. People can design their own community using simple building blocks.

### Activity



**Watch** the clip from Manchester Corporation's publicity film 'A City Speaks', made in 1947. Here you can see how the re-building of Manchester was shown in public exhibitions, as scale models of developments.



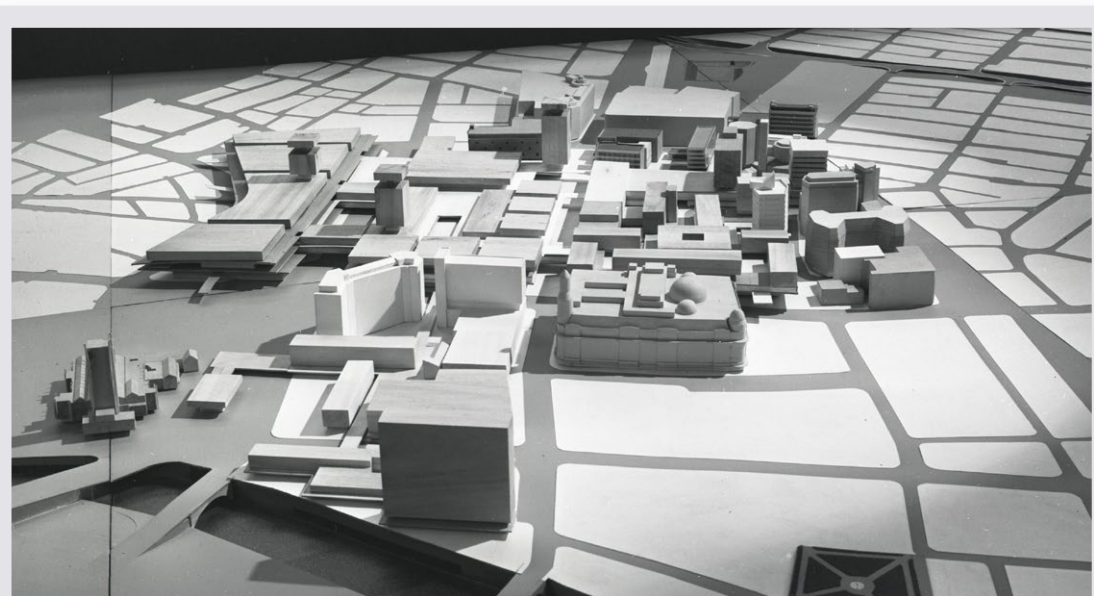
Click the link or scan the QR code to play the short film <https://vimeo.com/showcase/11156932/video/970633164>



**Look** at the black and white photograph of the models of post-war Manchester planned and displayed in the 1940s, and the imaginative design of how the future will look in 2024 from the 1945 City of Manchester Plan.



**Discuss** what skills do you think were involved in planning the post-war city? Are these the same today? What other skills might a town planner or architect need to design for the future?



### Activity



**Make** a model of a building that inspires you. Each person can create one building from stacking objects to imagine a new place, it might look familiar like your favourite local building, or it could be original. Anything you would like to see in your neighbourhood!



**Discuss** with each other about what your blocks represent, what type of building would it be? Who would use it? Where would you place it in the city? Carefully, the facilitator can group the models together to create a small community of buildings, taking suggestions on where each building should be placed from the group.

### What you will need:

Building models can be made using objects available. For example, building blocks like Lego, wooden blocks, playing cards, stationary. You can also try carefully stack books and magazines to re-create buildings.

### Wellbeing



- Connecting
- Getting Active
- Taking Notice
- Learning
- Giving



## Activity 3 (continued)

When running the activity you may find it useful to print out these larger versions of the activity images.

