

## STAGE 3 OF 7

# Test on a small scale

This stage is about trying a small version of your idea — small enough to run soon, but real enough to teach you something.

**This worksheet:** A plan for the trial, and a sheet for writing down what people say. Start here if you have an idea and you are tempted to go straight to the full thing.

## PART ONE — THE TRIAL PLAN

## What is the smallest useful trial?

It should be small enough to run in a few weeks with the people and money you already have. It should still be real, though — somebody should get some actual help out of it.

## EXAMPLE — DO NOT KEEP

One Saturday morning. One table outside one block, four of us, two hours. We are not trying to fix the whole estate yet.

## WHAT WOULD SUCCESS LOOK LIKE?

Decide this before you run the test, so you do not change the target later. People turning up does not mean they got any help.

| What we hope to see | How we would notice it | What would count as enough |
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## PART TWO — THE FEEDBACK SHEET

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Fill this in on the day. Write down what people actually said, including the things you did not want to hear.

| Person (role) | What was useful | One thing they would change |
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**What happened that you had not planned for?**

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## THE DECISION

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- ☐ Carry on — run it again the same way
- ☐ Change it — run it again, but with these changes
- ☐ Stop for now — we need to look at the need or the idea again

**Because...**

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## YOU HAVE FINISHED THIS WHEN...

You have run a small test, written down what you saw, and decided whether to carry on, change it or stop for now.

**Next:** Go through what you found with everyone who helped.