



The Prince's Foundation for the Built Environment has opened its first Indian office, in Mumbai, with the aim of building a new eco-town based on Poundbury and bringing values of "sustainable urbanism" to projects on the sub-continent.

The charity, headed by the Prince of Wales, is working in a joint venture with **Milestone Ecofirst Advisory Services**, which will provide pro-bono office space in India and 50% of an architect's time against a fee-sharing agreement.

It hopes to turn a 10ha site, either on the outskirts of Calcutta or Bangalore, into a mirror of its "model" village in Dorset.

Foundation chief executive **Hank Dittmar** said: "India is a fast growing economy and there is real potential to develop the concept of sustainable urbanism within the Indian planning system.

"Local people feel disenfranchised from the planning system – and this is true whether it be in Europe, America or India – and I hope that the work of the Prince's Foundation will be able to help combat that feeling of disillusionment."

Work at the office will also include educational and research activities in collaboration with the **International Network for Traditional Building Architecture & Urbanism**

The charity has a history of working on international projects in countries including China, Afghanistan and the US.

Read more: <http://www.bdonline.co.uk/news/princes-foundation-plots-indian-poundbury/5011396.article#ixzz1BVcHkOe0>