

Community Development:

Definition; Sources and Resources; Strategies and Promotion



Definition:

- The United Nations defines Community Development as “a process where community members come together to take collective action and generate solutions to common problems”
- Community led development is about empowerment and working together to achieve common visions and goals It involves the collaborative working of all sectors towards a mutually held objective, sharing resources and learning, changing leadership to achieve outcomes required and having local ownership and management of the outcome(s)

Community Development In NZ

- *Key organisations involved in promoting and encouraging community development include; Department of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Social Development, Local Councils, Regional Councils, Inspiring Communities Aotearoa, Safe Communities NZ*
- *Community development helps build strong, resilient, sustainable communities*

Sources and Resources:

Inspiring Communities	http://inspiringcommunities.org.nz/
Community Organisation Grants Scheme (COGS)	http://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/Funding-and-grants---Crown-Funds---Community-Organisation-Grants-Scheme
Connecting Diverse Communities Project	http://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/work-programmes/initiatives/connecting-diverse-communities/
Role of Local Government	https://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/wpg_URL/Resource-material-Our-Policy-Advice-Areas-Local-Government-Policy?OpenDocument

Strategies and Promotion:

Building capability in the community	http://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/Good-Practice-Participate#5
Community –led development	http://www.dia.govt.nz/Resource-material-Our-Policy-Advice-Areas-Community-led-Development
Community development resources/models	<i>The Asset Based Community Development Institute:</i> http://www.abcdinstitute.org/ <i>Bank of I.D.E.A.S.</i> http://bankofideas.com.au/ <i>Vibrant Communities:</i> http://www.vibrantcommunities.ca/ <i>Programme NESTA (UK):</i> http://www.nesta.org.uk/project/neighbourhood-challenge <i>CommunityNet Aotearoa:</i> http://www.community.net.nz/
Examples of national initiatives	<i>Neighbours Day Aotearoa</i> http://neighboursday.org.nz/ <i>Neighbourly:</i> https://www.neighbourly.co.nz/about-us <i>Community Energy Network (CEN)</i> http://www.communityenergy.org.nz/ <i>Healthy Housing:</i> http://www.healthyhousing.org.nz/
Examples of local community development initiatives	http://inspiringcommunities.org.nz/stories/case-studies/ http://www.taupodc.govt.nz/our-district/our-community/Pages/our-community.aspx <i>Waimakariri:</i> https://www.waimakariri.govt.nz/community/community-initiatives

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