

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 Grant Funding : Community Development Scheme (CDS), Community Organisation Grants Scheme (COGS)	http://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/Funding-and-grants---Crown-Funds---Community-Development-Scheme http://www.dia.govt.nz/Resource-material-Our-Policy-Advice-Areas-Community-led-Development
Connecting Diverse Communities Project	http://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/work-programmes/initiatives/connecting-diverse-communities/
Role of Local Government	http://www.wcrc.govt.nz/Documents/Vacancies/Local%20Government%20what%20does%20it%20do.pdf

Strategies and Promotion:

Community Development Policy: Social enterprise etc	http://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/wpg_URL/Resource-material-Our-Policy-Advice-Areas-Community-Development-Policy?OpenDocument
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	<p>The Asset Based Community Development Institute: http://www.abcdinstitute.org/</p> <p>Bank of I.D.E.A.S. http://bankofideas.com.au/</p> <p>Community Economic Development Network http://www.ced.org.nz/</p> <p>Vibrant Communities: http://www.vibrantcommunities.ca/</p> <p>Village planning (Porirua): http://www.pcc.govt.nz/Community/Community-Projects/Village-Planning-Programme</p> <p>NESTA (UK): http://www.nesta.org.uk/project/neighbourhood-challenge</p> <p>CommunityNet Aotearoa: http://www.community.net.nz/</p>
Examples of national initiatives	<p>Neighbours Day Aotearoa http://neighboursday.org.nz/</p> <p>Community Energy Network (CEN) http://www.communityenergy.org.nz/</p> <p>Time Banks Aotearoa http://www.timebank.org.nz/about</p> <p>Community Treasure Hunts: http://site.ouramazingplace.org.nz/</p> <p>Healthy Housing: http://www.healthyhousing.org.nz/</p>
Examples of local community development initiatives	<p>Good Cents (Porirua): http://inspiringcommunities.org.nz/all-communities/community-initiatives/good-cents/</p> <p>Kiwi Community Assistance (Tawa): http://www.kca.org.nz/</p> <p>Taupo: http://www.taupodc.govt.nz/our-district/our-community/Pages/our-community.aspx</p> <p>Massey: http://inspiringcommunities.org.nz/all-communities/community-initiatives/massey-matters/</p> <p>Waimakariri: https://www.waimakariri.govt.nz/community/community-initiatives</p>

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