

Stewardship Circle - Workshop 1: The Power of Citizen Led Change

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Workshop Descriptor

This workshop will involve building new connections and gaining an understanding of the experience of group members. We'll also introduce the concept of stewardship and its relevance to citizen led movements like Asset Based Community Development.

During the workshop we will also invite participants to think about an enquiry question they would like to consider during the course of the Stewardship Circle.

Preparation in Advance of the Workshop

In order to help participants prepare for the Module, the following information has been provided:

- 1) Overview of the Keynote by Cormac Russell
- 2) Relevant pre-reading materials and resources. As a minimum we would ask that participants read the 'primary reading' suggested on the list.
- 3) A list of possible questions that may be explored at the workshop.

Keynote from Cormac Russell

Keynote Title: The seven habits of highly connected individuals & The seven habit of institutional radicals

To ground people in the practice of ABCD I will present participants with an overview of the people who most influenced the framing of Asset Based Community Development: Saul Ailinky, Ivan Illich, Jerome Miller, Judith Snow, Peter Block, Robert Rodale, Robert Mendelsohn. I will link all of their contributions to the principles of ABCD, and then explain why they relate so readily to the practices of Community Building at the heart of ABCD.

Pre-Reading and Useful Resources

Primary Reading

1. John McKnight on where change begins. <http://vimeo.com/72047291>
2. The Seven Habits of Highly Connected People, Cormac Russell, Blog Post, 25.9.14. <http://blog.nurturedevelopment.org/2014/09/25/the-7-habits-of-highly-connected-people/>
3. The Seven Habits of Institutional Radicals, Cormac Russell, Blog Post, 2.10.14 <http://blog.nurturedevelopment.org/2014/10/02/7-habits-of-institutional-radicals/>

4. Peter Block (2013) Stewardship. Chapter 1: Replacing Leadership with Stewardship. Berrett-Koehler Publishers. http://www.bkconnection.com/static/Stewardship_2nd_EXCERPT.pdf

Reading List and Resources

McKnight, John (1995), Careless Society: community and its counterfeits, Basic Books

Block, Peter & McKnight, John (2010) The Abundant Community: Awakening the Power of Families and Neighborhoods; Berrett-Koehler Publishers

Kretzmann, John & McKnight, John (1993) Building Communities from the Inside Out: A path towards finding and mobilising community assets. (Known as The Green Book)

Diers, Jim (2004) Neighbor Power: Building Community The Seattle Way, University of Washington Press

Leading by Stepping Back: A Guide for City Officials on Building Neighbourhood Capacity. A Community Building Workbook from the Asset - Based Community Development Institute. ACTA Publications 4848 North Clark Street. Chicago. 1999

Core Questions (to consider / for exploration at workshop)

1. Describe the practices that you would use to enable community alternatives to become more visible and more active?
2. Describe how you would use some of the practices you have learned to relocate authority to community and away from institutions?

Workshop Schedule

11am	Arrival. Teas and Coffees.
2pm	Discussion Group
11.10am	Welcome and Introductions
3pm	Stewardship
12pm	Citizen led change
4pm	Enquiry question/ action research
1pm	Lunch
5pm	Round up
6pm	Dinner