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

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/

**Reading List and Resources**

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


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


**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