ABCD Training Part 1

Let's think beyond our ROLES · The community is a spontaneous place · Social change happens in small, little ways · There is no '1 community' · The community cake
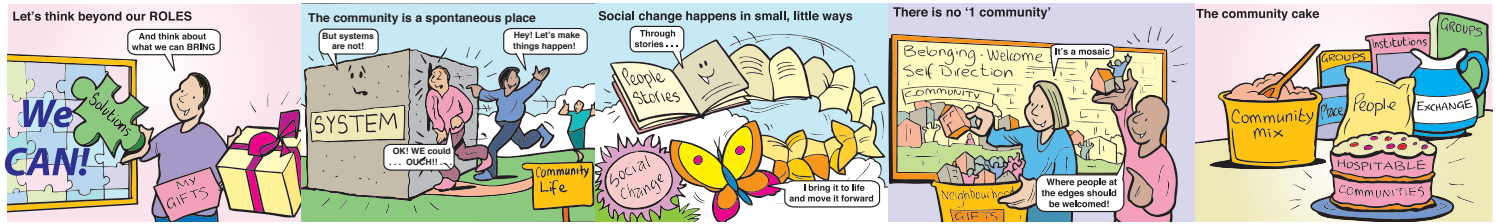
An Overview

So you're interested in Asset Based Community Development and you would like to learn more? Our ABCD Training Part 1 is an excellent launching point.

The learning experience focuses on the historical context of ABCD, its theoretical framework and some practical tools; providing you with the skills and information you need to start your ABCD initiative. We believe the "medium is the message"; not only do participants gain new knowledge but they experience community building in practice through the practical illustration and use of our tools and techniques. Everyone will take away something new in their practice.

What will you learn over the two days?

This workshop will:

- Give you an understanding of the history of ABCD, relating it to your experience of community development.

- Explain the 5 guiding principles of ABCD in both theory and practice.

- Identify the 6 building blocks or assets of community building, exploring how these can be identified, connected and mobilised in the neighbourhood context.

- Share the 8 touch stones of community building, offering stories and examples of their application.

- Identify the ABCD Tools for Change: e.g. Learning Conversations & Asset Mapping.

- Involve you in activities and exercises that you can then use in practice where you live and/or work.

- Use stories and case studies of ABCD in action from our Learning Sites, in the UK and around the world, to highlight effective practice.

What will you be able to do after this workshop?

Take ABCD into action in living neighbourhoods in a way that is respectful of the local context; and ultimately create safer, healthier, more economically and environmentally vibrant places to live. You will be able to use what's strong in the neighbourhood where you live and/or work to deal with what's wrong, but also make what's strong, stronger.

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