

Help.. I've Got Community Development in my Job Description:

Essential Elements of Skilled Community Development Practice

A two-day workshop proudly offered to you by the training team of **COMMUNITY PRAXIS CO-OP**



"Peaceful, just and sustainable communities"

**10 Hampson St
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**Thurs 2nd April (9.00 am to 5.00 pm)
and
Fri 3rd April (9.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.)**

YOUR TRAINERS AND PRESENTERS

Neil Barringham

Lynda Shevellar

Ken Morris

Gerard Dowling

Howard Buckley

Dave Andrews

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*Price includes a copy of Dave Andrews' book
'Living Community—an introductory course in community work' (RRP \$66)

Previous participants have said:

Great....enjoyed case studies and grounded concepts...! Well done, I don't think you could have got through any more content...! Content was very relevant and presented in a relaxed way...! Great location and food...! Loved the process of delivery and handouts to read overnight...! Best two days training I've ever attended...! Great value for money...! Loved the process of dialogue...! This was training based on our real work...! Very good training techniques...! Good pace for training...!



COMMUNITY PRAXIS TRAINING TEAM... YOUR PRESENTERS AND TRAINERS FOR THIS TRAINING



Neil Barringham
*B.A.; B.Soc.Wk.;
M.Soc.Wk.*

Neil has moved all around the place through his life, so he claims he isn't sure where he comes from, but home is now in Highgate Hill in Brisbane. Earlier, Neil worked in youth work, but for the last 15 years has enjoyed focusing on community development – particularly in the mental health and disability fields. He coordinates a small mental health community-building agency, A Place to Belong. Neil tries to support a spirit of neighbourliness in his locality, spending time regularly with people in his neighbourhood who live with a range of challenges. He says some of his best learning has been through he and his wife Penny sharing their home with local people who have felt isolated and who live with a range of vulnerabilities. He is interested in working out what creative community-based responses to housing, support and friendship might look like.

Lynda Shevellar
*M Ed
PG Dip Psych
BA*

Lynda Shevellar is an experienced facilitator, with a background in psychology and education and an emphasis upon participative approaches to learning. She has studied and worked in community development, as well as having spent time in the Australian Public Service. She has a particular interest in the fields of disability and mental health, and more recently in community economic development, where her focus has been on assisting people to obtain a rich and meaningful life within community. Lynda has worked as a practitioner, consultant and more recently as a manager, and has stared into the teeth of the dragon on many an occasion!

Gerard Dowling
B.A.; B.Soc.Wk.

Gerard was born in North Queensland, a descendent of Irish-English folk who came looking for gold in the 1870's and ended up scratching for tin and wrangling packhorses in the bush. He's done 20 years in various community development roles, including housing work with the tenants union and prisons work with the Catholics. He currently organises youth projects for Brisbane City Council, exploring e-citizenship in a local government context.

Dave Andrews
*Dip.Ed, B.A.,
M.S.W.A.P.*

Dave has lived for many years in West End.. Dave, his wife Ange, and their family, have lived and worked in intentional communities with marginalised and disadvantaged groups of people in Asia and Australia for more than thirty years. He is particularly interested in spirituality and community and the dynamics of personal growth and social change. He is part of the Waiters Union, an inner city community network based in West End and employed by TEAR Australia and Community Praxis Co-op. He is author of many books and articles, including 'Building A Better World' and the community work training manual 'Living Community' He regularly conducts community work training in a dozen countries for a range of community groups and aid and development agencies. Apart from milkshakes and cricket, according to his website, Dave's other weaknesses are playing football (apparently he's rough..!), music, cinema and endless cups of tea.

COMMUNITY PRACTIS TRAINING TEAM...
YOUR PRESENTERS AND TRAINERS FOR THIS TRAINING (Continued...)

Ken Morris

*B.A.; PG Dip.Soc.Sc
(ChildDev.);
M.S.W.A.P.*

Ken is Director of Jabiru Community Youth and Children's Services. He has thirty-five years of experience in youth work, child care, community development and organisational development and management in faith-based, local and interest-based communities in Brisbane. His experience includes a period as part-time Lecturer in postgraduate community development at the University of Queensland. Ken proudly identifies as a gay man in community work, and has also developed a special interest in holistic forms of management in 'community' organisations.

Howard Buckley

*B.Com.Welf.
PG Dip.Soc.Planning*

Howard is currently the Co-op's only full-time trainer and consultant. His work experiences include six years as a Social Planner with the Caboolture Shire Council and twenty years of work in the community sector. Born in Qld he spent his childhood moving around Australia as part of an Air force family. For the last 17 years he has lived in Maleny with his partner and children. Howard loves spending time with his family (including his crazy dogs), bushwalking, camping and reminding people that AFL is the real football. He is a passionate supporter of the Richmond Football Club and is actively involved in the Maleny Neighbourhood Centre. He has a particular interest in exploring ways to *degunkify* his world (see Michael Leunig's cartoon in 'Goatperson' for more details).

**Day 1 Thursday 2nd April (9:00—5:00) — Plenary
Training**

- △ 8:30am—Registration & real coffee (Training to begin at 9am sharp)
- △ Have fun, enjoy the food and meet new people in your field.
- △ Be inspired and connect with your sense of hope.
- △ Understand 'community', 'place', 'capacity', 'development' and other key concepts.
- △ Explore values that 'drive' community development practice.
- △ Develop an analysis of "power" and understanding of "social capital"
- △ Develop and /or refine your understanding of the stages/processes of community development practice.
- △ Work in small groups to explore how community development can turn ideas into ongoing actions.
- △ Meet other workers, build your networks and develop another collegial community.

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Day 2 Friday 3rd April (9:00—2:30) — Workshops

Morning and afternoon workshops followed by closing plenary

*Workshops will be 1.5 hours and are designed to encourage a high level of participation
Participants will be offered the opportunity to attend **two** of the following workshops (see registration form to choose your workshops)*

Working with Young People

KEN MORRIS

This session explores some of the dynamics of community development with young people. Are they the special case we sometimes imagine..? Are there unique dynamics to consider in purpose-full relationship work that engages young people themselves in their own issues...?

Does one-size fit all? Finding the right structure for organising CD in your context

HOWARD
BUCKLEY
GERARD
DOWLING

The incorporated community association has for many years been the preferred structure for organising community responses. However, with trends indicating that more government funding is going to larger church-based organisations and companies limited by guarantee, what is the future of incorporated associations, co-operatives and other models? And, is CD being compromised by this trend? This workshop will discuss ways that CD work can be structured that “holds on” to core elements of CD covered in day one.

Community Development and Mental Health

NEIL
BARRINGHAM

Neil's session will outline the challenges inherent in working with people with mental health issues and then look at ways that a community development approach may open new pathways and options for us in our work and local communities.

Faith traditions & Community Development

DAVE
ANDREWS

People of faith have often striven to build community, and there have always been those who have exercised leadership and inspiration in those communities. Author of “Compassionate Community Work”, a training program for faith based community workers, Dave Andrews has been one of those inspiring leaders. In this session he will help participants to reflect on the issues involved in faith-based community building.

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Community Development and Family Support (Prevention and Early Intervention)

KEN MORRIS

In the famous pyramid diagram that shows primary prevention at the base through to tertiary interventions at the apex, could there be a form of work that doesn't need families and children to have a "problem" or a "referral" in order to participate and benefit...?

Putting "Community" back into Community Organisations

**HOWARD
BUCKLEY**

Whether you work for a community organisation or a government department you will often be confronted with the need for work that is genuinely driven by empowered community participants. This session explores strategies community organisations can use to build "community" in the context of the programs and services they deliver.

Sustaining Ourselves For The Long Haul

**DAVE
ANDREWS**

Community Development is about: the vision to dream dreams; the creativity to be innovative; the trust to build relationships with people from diverse backgrounds; the compassion to stand in the shoes of those who experience pain; the courage to resist and confront injustice; the guts to deal with conflict; and having the stamina for the day-to-day routine of writing reports, meetings, workshops, funding processes etc. This workshop will help us think about how can we help ourselves and each other to become more resilient community builders

Dancing with the Dragon: An exploration of interactions between community development practitioners and bureaucracy

**LYNDA
SHEVELLAR**

No matter how informal and flexible we may try to be in our work, sooner or later we are likely to encounter the maddening world of bureaucracy. In this workshop we will explore what bureaucracy is, why it can pose a challenge for community development work, and the range of responses that are available to us. Drawing from recent research in Australia, this workshop will share some of the strategies community development practitioners have used, as well as invite participants to build upon these and to share their own experiences and responses.

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