



You are invited to a Community Praxis Co-op Masterclass

BUILDING YOUR COMMUNITY PRACTICE FRAMEWORK

hosted at the newly formed **Camellia Centre for Reflective Practice**, Maleny.

This is a 2-day workshop, 9.30-4.30pm, Thursday and Friday, October 22nd & 23rd, 2020, supporting a maximum of 12 participants, to build their personal community practice framework. Facilitated by Peter Westoby and Emily McConochie.



The masterclass will:

- Support participants to develop a personal community practice framework, drawing on the work of *Participatory Development Practice* (Kelly & Westoby, 2018).
- Support several processes to ‘generate data’ for frameworking through diverse knowledges.
 - Reflective practice knowledge (reflecting on projects and processes participants have been a part of to ‘see’ the actual practice)
 - Embodied knowledge (knowledge held in the body, intuition, emotion)
 - Knowledge-on-country (knowledge through listening to country)
 - Academic knowledge (from books, theory, including participant archives of academic knowledge that is significant in their lives)
- Enable participants to identify patterns from the data, thereby articulating key dimensions for their framework
- Distil a symbol, name and shape that ‘holds’ a memorable version of the dimensions of the framework.

The masterclass will be potent and practical for:

- Community workers developing their first practice framework
- Community workers who would like to reflect on, and evolve their existing practice framework
- Managers of community organisations or NGOs with a community-orientation, to develop their 'community' management framework
- Social workers or other social practitioners focused on community practice.

The heart and soul of building a personal community practice framework is to:

- Move from what we think or say we do to clarifying what we actually do
- Work authentically from 'the inside-out', that is, integrating our personal gifts and character into our work.
- Have the confidence to know what we are doing (as the late Ken Morris once wrote, "don't go into the woods at night without your framework").
- Bring a renewed discipline to our work, moving beyond intuitive practice to integration of intuition, ideas, theory and reflection.
- Be able to articulate a framework publicly, thereby being transparent and accountable in terms of what we do.
- Integrate what Anthony Kelly calls 'head, heart and hands'.
- Work with the interplay between a personal journey (the masterclass will give participants a chance to explore their own archive of practice) and a collective dialogue (with other participants and the facilitators, in recognition that this is a community journey as well).

About your facilitators & hosts:

Peter Westoby was introduced at a keynote of the 2018 International Association of Community Development as "a community development scholar, activist and analyst". Peter kind of liked the ring of it; almost poetic. Yet, more accurately, from the age of 20, Peter has been on a journey of community development practice, deeply shaped by a grass-roots tradition, Freirean in nature, and place-based. That evolved over many years, particularly as he worked in places such as South Africa, Uganda, the Philippines, Nepal, PNG and Vanuatu.

At the age of 40 he found himself as a latecomer wading into the academy, and perhaps by chance, took up a position as a community development scholar just as Anthony Kelly retired from 40 years of teaching, practice and service at The University of Queensland.

He has been a writer or co-writer/editor of 14 books and over 50 professional journal articles on CD (<https://uq.academia.edu/PeterWestoby>), and loves that there is an emerging global 'community of scholarship' growing around the world. But more importantly, he loves reading, walking, sitting by a fire under the moon or stars, wandering daily in Mary Cairnross Park,

exploring his bio-region, being with friends, sipping a coffee at dawn, and going to bed about 8.30pm (yes, he's a lark, not an owl).

At this present moment he is also:

Director/consultant at Community Praxis Co-op;
a P/T practitioner at Hummingbird House;
a Custodian of Camellia Centre for Reflective Practice; and
a Visiting Professor, University of the Free State, South Africa.

Emily McConochie is a WakkaWakka Kabi Country Woman and educator based in the Glasshouse Mountains and South-East Queensland. She brings cultural frameworks informed by Country, Community and relational ways of knowing, being and doing. Her transformational and decolonising frameworks incorporate dadirri, yarning, cultural and embodied storying methods while integrating localised knowledge of South-East Queensland communities and development approaches. Emily won't always admit to being a failed comic but she brings a touch of humour to all her engagements: the sacred isn't always serious. In her spare time (funny) she's a keen gardener, swing dancer, drama queen and a devout Lego™ enthusiast. More importantly she tends morning fires, has vanilla in her latte and comes from tawny frogmouth and bat people.

At this present moment she is also:

A casual academic at The University of Queensland
Director/project officer at Nungeena Aboriginal Corporation for Women's Business
Associate Firekeeper of Camellia Centre for Reflective Practice

Time, dates, cost and place:

Significantly, this masterclass will be held at the newly formed

Camellia Centre for Reflective Practice,

on Jinibara Country, on the edge of the Maleny ranges, north of Brisbane, where participants will be invited to a sensitivity of being-on-country and listening to-country.

Your facilitators will be Peter Westoby and Emily McConochie.

The masterclass will consist of two consecutive full days, 9.30am-4.30pm, Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd October, 2020. You are invited to stay in local B&Bs and AirB&Bs overnight of the 22nd – or longer should you like to enjoy the bio-region during mid Spring.

There will be a requirement to do pre-reading and some reflection, which will be provided to you upon registration.

Cost for the two days is \$400+GST = \$440 which is inclusive of facilitation, lunches and afternoon teas. For payment see:

<https://www.stickytickets.com.au/1H239>

or contact peter@communitypraxis.org with questions, or to organise an invoice.