



Asset Based Community Development



Attitude of:

- Starts with a question(Curiosity)
- Discovers what's strong, not what's wrong
- Explores what we have to get what we want
- Puts community at the centre of decision making
- Builds community leaders
- Develops local connection and relationships

ASSETS

- Individuals
- Community Groups/networks
- Government and NGO's
- Physical- built and natural
- Economic
- Culture- story, songlines, heritage/history

3 Steps to asset mapping

- Discover(identify) the assets
- Connect the assets together
- Create opportunities to mobilise these assets to be productive and powerful together

Four questions that support the guiding principles of ABCD

- What functions can community residents perform themselves?
- What functions can community residents do with additional help from government and agencies?
- What functions must government and agencies perform themselves?
- What functions must government and agencies STOP doing?

Principles: Key identifiers and the fundamental building blocks of good practice

- Diversity
- Inclusion
- Trust
- Strengths-based
- Collaboration
- Participation

Thriving • Inclusive • Connected



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The Drivers of ABCD

The three drivers that support the work of ABCD in communities are:

- HOPE – helping other possibilities emerge
- Care – discovering what people care about enough to act
- Relationships – building and strengthening relationships is key to action
- By building relationships, discovering what people truly care about and helping possibilities emerge, community can thrive!

Mapping: The 6 levels of mapping within this process were as follows and each level has a range of tools to suit the context, individuals and community vision:

- Individual; skills and abilities
- Community; resources and connections
- Organisational; opportunities and resources
- Partners / Stakeholders; know / don't know
- Systems; elemental, agents, components
- Ecological; land / humans / other creatures

IDENTIFY

Discover the Assets

CONNECT

Connect the assets together

MOBILISE

Create opportunities for the assets to be productive and powerful

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