

An Introduction to Community Development

Course Outline

Do you want to further understand what community development is? Would you like to develop your work with communities to build on what is good and take an asset based approach? If so this course is for you! Community Development looks to achieve active and inclusive involvement of people in the issues that affect their lives. This course will explore this further and look at the values and principles that help good community development and the impact on communities.

What will this course cover?

This course will cover:

- What is community development?
- What are the values and principles that underpin community development?
- What does successful community development look like?
- How can we build on community strengths, assets and needs?
- How does community development address inequality, understand diversity and build equal and inclusive practice?
- How can we build the confidence of community groups to tackle the issues that are important to them?

What tools and knowledge will I bring away from it?

- You will understand what community development is, the values and principles and some of the theory behind it
- You will have some concrete examples of good practice
- You will be more confident in planning around community development approaches
- You will have some clear strategies around approaches that are asset based
- You will have some tools you can use to plan around measuring the impact of community development

What outcomes will this have / could this have?

You will be better able to explain community development to others and actively justify a community development approach to a range of agencies. You will also be more confident in setting up tools to measure and explain the impact of community development.

Who is this course for?

This course is for community development workers or those with community development as part of their role from all sectors. It is best suited to those newer to community development who want the opportunity to develop the knowledge and skills that underpins the work.