

Engaging with the Wider Community: Steps to Build Effective Partnerships

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This workshop will assist participants who are interested in establishing partnerships with community organisations in order to develop projects / initiatives for mutual benefit. A community development framework, with a strengths based emphasis will be used as the foundation for this workshop.

The workshop will outline step by step the process for establishing effective relationships with community organisations and provide indicators of the commitment required to ensure success. It will be an extremely practical session; covering the challenges and benefits in developing partnerships. Some examples of outcomes of successful partnerships will be provided so that participants will be able to see how one successful project leads to others and how relationships are strengthened in this process. Participants will also be able to assess personal benefits as well as benefits for their respective organisations in moving towards this way of working.

The session will be interactive, with participants encouraged to bring ideas, questions and challenges for discussion.

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