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Community development practice in Scotland

An SCDC perspective

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Community development practice

- Working with communities to build collective power – private troubles, public issues
- Starting from the issues that matter to people – self determination
- Supporting people to act together, to be heard and to be influential
- Rooted in equality, justice and participation
- Building lasting skills and local capacity for sustainable, community led action
- A profession guided by national CLD standards



Community Development Practice

- These development practices usually achieved via third sector organisations
- However not a linear trajectory
- Key to 'success' - good governance and community engagement
- Third sector organisations and their communities not always in control of their destinies

Community Development Practice

- Example 1 Burdett Estate Tenants Association- East London mid-80s
- Example 2 Community Owned isle of Gigha
- Example 3 Sunny Govan Community Radio

Promoting good community development practice is the work of SCDC

SCDC – Our Work



Community Health Exchange (CHEX)

CHEX supports and promotes community development approaches to improving people's health.



PB Scotland

PB Scotland acts as a hub for sharing and learning about the work being done by participatory budgeting initiatives around Scotland.



Scottish Co-production Network

The Scottish Co-production Network is a way for people to share ideas and learning about co-production.



Health Issues in the Community

Health Issues in the Community (HIIC) is a training programme which looks at issues such as health, poverty, power and social justice in a different way.



Supporting Communities

Supporting Communities is a package of support for community organisations across Scotland to help build skills, confidence and capacity.



VOiCE

VOiCE is planning and recording software that assists individuals, organisations and partnerships to design and deliver effective community engagement.



Knowledge is Power

Knowledge is Power is a programme to support community-led action research across Scotland.



Learning, Evaluation and Planning

The LEAP framework is designed to support a partnership approach to achieving change and improvement in the quality of community life.

SCDC – Our Work



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Communities Channel Scotland

The Communities Channel Scotland is a website which puts communities in the spotlight by connecting people and sharing ideas.

Building Stronger Community Organisations

An online learning resource for community groups

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This resource is designed to build the skills, confidence and knowledge of refugee-led organisations and refugee supporting organisations, although most of the materials will be useful to any community group.



Participation requests

Participation requests are one way that communities can ask to work with public bodies to make services better. SCDC works to raise awareness, and support the use, of participation requests, as well as to help strengthen and improve how they work.

Rebooting Resilience

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This programme aims to explore what resilience looks like in our communities, how we can build on existing good practice and improve how communities and local agencies can work together to develop strong, resilient communities.

The Climate Emergency is the most urgent issue facing humanity right now.

Supporting Communities Safely

Advice for community groups, organisations and volunteer networks fighting Covid-19



Peer-led Practice Learning

Climate statement

Our statement promoting community involvement in climate decision-making on as COP26 summit begins in Glasgow.

Supporting Communities Safely

These pages provide advice on how to virus proof the fantastic things communities are doing and reduce the risk of indirect spread of Covid-19.

National Standards for Community Engagement

The National Standards for Community Engagement are a way to build and sustain the relationships between public services and community groups.

Peer-led Practice Learning report

A report from Barnardo's Scotland & SCDC about peer-led evaluation and the impact that the Barnardo's Nurture Service has had on the people involved.

- A new project delivered by SCDC and SCCAN
- Bringing people together to take local climate action
- Climate action that also supports good health in communities
- Community-led: local people set the priorities
- Practical support, skills and connections for local groups...and their partners



Any questions?

