

Community Development Queensland Seminar 2018



Date: Wednesday 29th August, 2018, 4-6pm

Venue: Griffith University Graduate Centre, South Bank

Building S07, Room No. 2.16-18 (in the building directly behind the Ship Inn)

You will find the room behind the Ship Inn, and close to the Southbank end of the Goodwill Pedestrian Bridge. Please join us for a drink at the Ship Inn following the seminar.

Community Development's Response to Right-wing Nativist Populism

Following a Melbourne based 2017 forum on the topic, and a seminar at the recent World Community Development Conference (Ireland), this 3rd CD QLD seminar for 2018 will focus on what is a critical topic for our times.

Led by **Peter Westoby**, we will consider: ***Community Development's Response to Right-wing Nativist Populism***

Trump, Brexit, Hanson, the rise of the 'authoritarian democracy' globally – what's going on? This seminar will explore the history of this move towards what is known as right wing populism, and unpack its key characteristics (simple answers, big men solutions, rage, anxiety etc.). Our discussion will consider how community development and place-based local practice can respond to the phenomenon trying to build a culture of democracy and social justice. Please join us for what will be a stimulating dialogue.

The seminar will include 20-30 minutes of input from Peter followed by small group discussions and plenary deliberation. We are keen to consider the practical implications of our collective analysis of this phenomenon.

Bio: Peter Westoby is an Associate Professor in Social Science and Community Development at Queensland University of Technology, Australia; a Visiting Professor at the Centre for Development Support, University of Free State, South Africa; and a Director with the non-profit Community Praxis Cooperative, celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. He teaches and researches on community development theory and practice, dialogue studies and forced migration studies. He is known for monographs such as *Participatory Development Practice* (2018, Practical Action Press), *Dialogical Community Development* (2013, Routledge), *Soul, Community and Social Change* (2016, Ashgate/ Routledge), and *The Sociality of Refugee Healing* (2009, Common Ground)

Peter is passionate about reading, good coffee, hanging out at his local AVID reader bookshop, bushwalking and travelling.

