

Community Development Queensland Seminar 2018



Date: 6th June, 2018, 4-6pm

Venue: Griffith University Graduate Centre, South Bank

Room SO2_6.37 - The Webb Centre, Seminar Room (behind our usual location)

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.

A Dialogue between Community Organising (CO) and Community Development: Methods for Social Action, Community Building and Social Justice

In this seminar, a panel of four experienced community organisers/CD practitioners will be discussing what community organising has to offer community organisations which want to explore collective action for justice. We will explore how the CO approach goes about organising people most affected by issues and hear some terrific stories of what's worked.

Because there are challenges for every form of practice, we'll explore what's been difficult within the CO approach and what principles for practice might be helpful to us all. The seminar will highlight the differences between 'developmental approaches' to CD practice (Gandhi/Freire) and community organising (drawn from the tradition of Alinsky/Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF)), and also consider what are the next steps in community organising in Queensland. **Please see the link in the email body to some pre-reading you might find helpful.** We are thrilled to have as our panellists:

Devett Kennedy, Queensland Community Alliance. Devett is the incoming Lead Organiser for the Queensland Community Alliance, where he has worked for the last 3 years. As a former Secretary General of the International Young Catholic Students movement he led global organising and campaigns with 3.5 million members. He has over 15 years experience in developing ordinary citizens as transformative leaders in their own lives, their communities and the broader society through values-based social action in churches, unions and the environment movement.

PJ Humphreys, Community Plus+ / Community Praxis Co-op. PJ is involved in supporting a wide variety of community led projects in a place based context as well as being an active citizen in her own neighbourhood. She has a Masters in Development Practice from The University of Queensland and has worked in the community sector for 15+ years in disability rights and advocacy, as well as living and working with Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory and Queensland. PJ had a brief stint with the Queensland Community Alliance helping to kick start the community organising model with a listening campaign in Logan.

Jason Macleod, The Change Agency / Pasifika / Research Fellow at Sydney University's Department of Peace and Conflict Studies. Jason is an activist educator, community organiser and community based researcher. He works as an animator with social movements in Australia, Asia and Oceania and previously he worked with the Queensland Community Alliance. He is the author of the *People Power Manual* (with James Whelan) and *Merdeka and the Morning Star* which tells the story of civilian-led insurrection in West Papua, a movement that has transitioned from guerrilla war to relentless nonviolent resistance.

Kerrie Woodrow, Multicultural Development Association. Kerrie has spent the last 25 years living and working in community from West End to Inala, Via Colombia. Throughout this time, she has been lucky enough to work alongside a huge range of inspiring communities in the multicultural sector as they have made Australia their home, transitioning from being the Welcomed to the Welcomers. Kerrie leads the Community Development team at MDA and finds inspiration in constantly learning about other ways of knowing, understanding, and being together.

