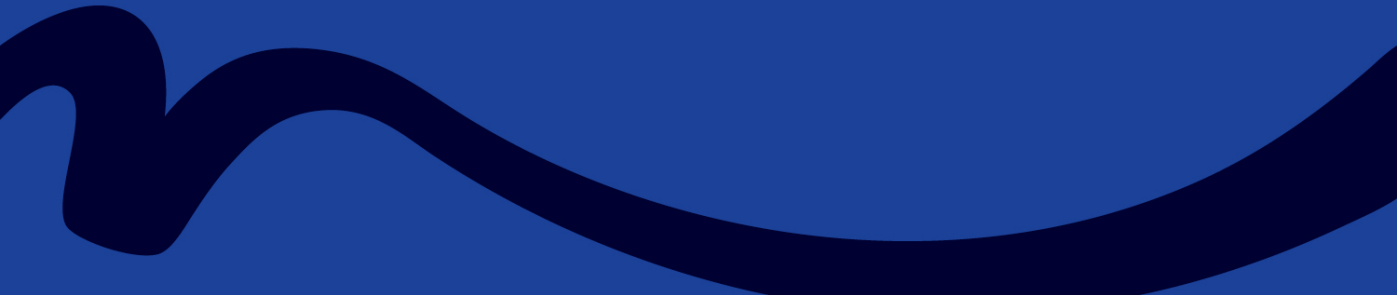# CHCCDE011
Implement Community Development
Session 1

Acknowledgement of country

I would like to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today.

I pay my respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

I would also like to acknowledge everyone who has joined us here today.

What is this class about?

- Discuss Assessment Guide
- Ground Rules
- Class times
- Participation
- Assessment
- Expectations

What is Community Development?

"A process where community members come together to take collective action and generate solutions to common problems" (United Nations)

Community Development engages people who have a social conscience and who believe in social justice

'Refers to processes, tasks, practices and visions for empowering communities to take collective responsibility for their own development'

Susan Kenny Developing communities for the future 3rd edition

The aim is to improve various aspects of communities, to build stronger and more resilient local communities.

Role of the Community Development Worker

- Knowing your community
- Identifying need
- Information provider
- Developing new services and projects
- Service provider
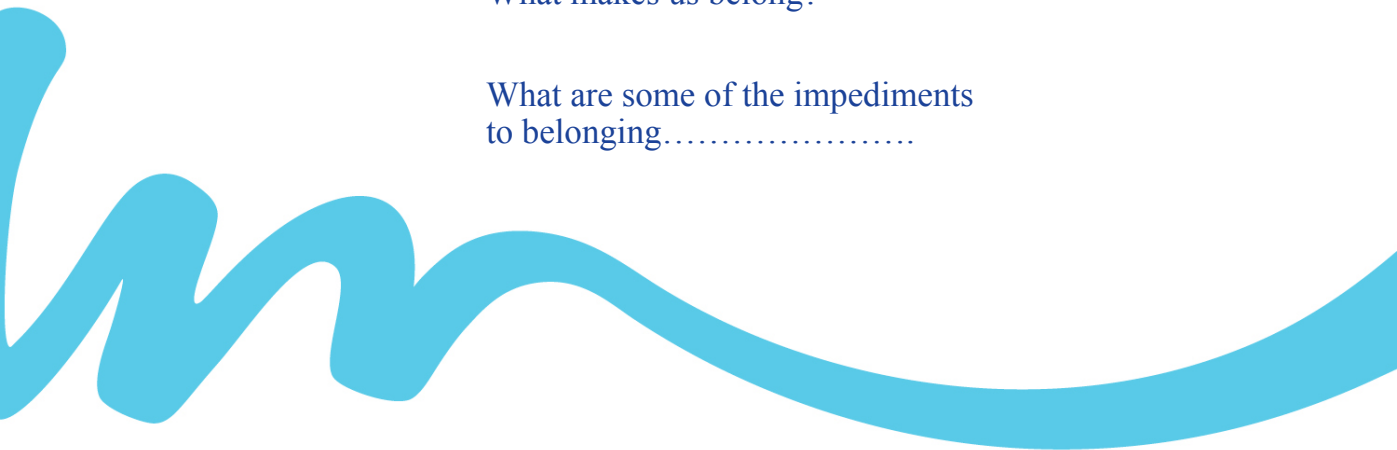- Referrals/Networking
- Advocating
- Lobbying

Connectedness

What is a community?

What makes us belong?

What are some of the impediments
to belonging………………….

What causes disadvantage?

- Research:
- What is Charity model ?
- Social Justice versus Charity Model?

- People cause their own problems?

- Resources are distributed unequally

Group Processes

Why do we need to work with both individuals and groups in the Community Services Sector?

Some things we would need to consider:

Appropriate interpersonal skills
Addressing barriers
Engaging key stakeholders in decision making processes
Conflict management

4 basic principles central to Community Development:

In groups research the following foundations of Community Development

Locality

Equity

Participation

Self Reliance

A **locality** is a place – a town,
a neighbourhood, a housing estate
or a rural area

Locality

Equity

Equity extract from a concept of
social justice. It represents a belief that there
are some things which people should have,
that there are basic needs that should be
fulfilled, that burdens and rewards should not
be spread too differently across the
community, and that policy should be directed
with impartiality, fairness and justice
towards these ends

Falk, Jim, Hampton, Greg, Hodgkinson, Ann, Parker,
Kevin and Rorris, Arthur, 1993, *Social Equity and the
Urban Environment*, Report to the Commonwealth
Environment Protection Agency, AGPS, Canberra

Participation

Community participation is the process by which individuals, families or communities assume responsibility for their own welfare and develop a capacity to contribute to their own and the community's development

Oakley and Marsden(1987)

Self-reliance

Reliance on your capabilities, judgement,
or resources.

Communities need to
be encouraged (empowered) to manage their
own affairs – therefore the aim of the
Community Development worker is to do
themselves out of a job.

What can be achieved with Community Development?

- **A sense of belonging/community**
- **Connectedness**
- **Information sharing**
- **Resource sharing**

Community Development aims to Promote:

- **Self Help**
- **Social Justice**
- **Empowerment**
- **Community participation**

Group Exercise

In breakout groups brainstorm existing agencies, services and programmes that you are aware of and that support the ideals of :

- Self help
- Social Justice
- Empowerment
- Community participation

Human Rights:

An understanding of Human Rights is an essential and central principle of Community Development

Human Rights

Human rights recognise the inherent value of each person, regardless of background, where we live, what we look like, what we think or what we believe.

They are based on principles of dignity, equality and mutual respect, which are shared across cultures, religions and philosophies. They are about being treated fairly, treating others fairly and having the ability to make genuine choices in our daily lives

Advocacy & Self Help

- What is advocacy?
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- When should the worker intervene?
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- When should we encourage self help?
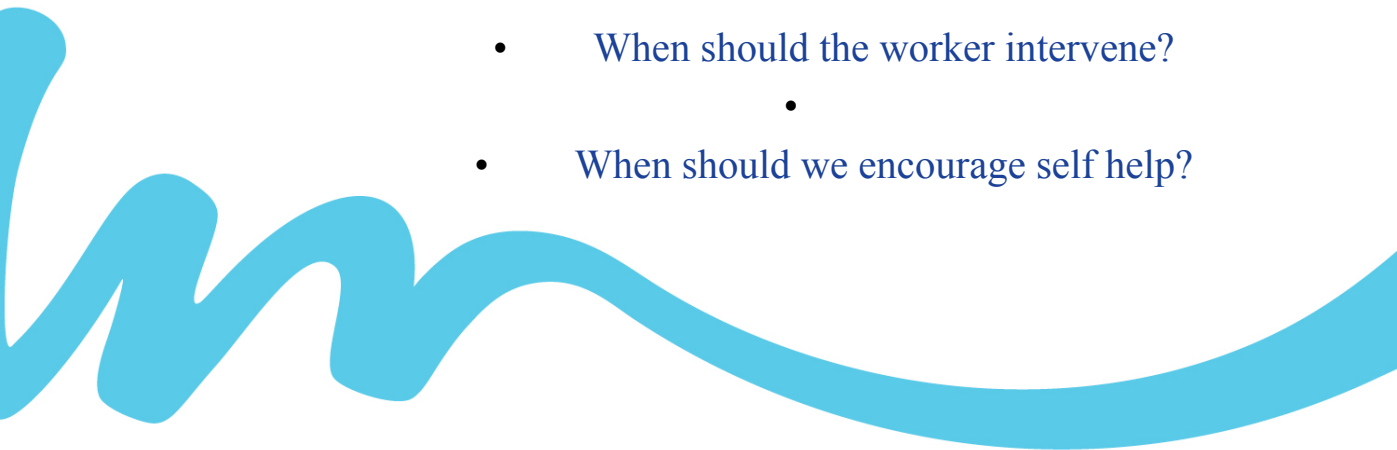
Where to next?

The future of Community Development

- Engagement
- Partnerships
- Inclusion
- Renewal
- Shared information
- Developing skills
- Shared resources

Language & Jargon

Every sector has its own language and jargon.

The community services sector is no different.

Undertake the 'acronym exercise' Handout and then discuss with the class.
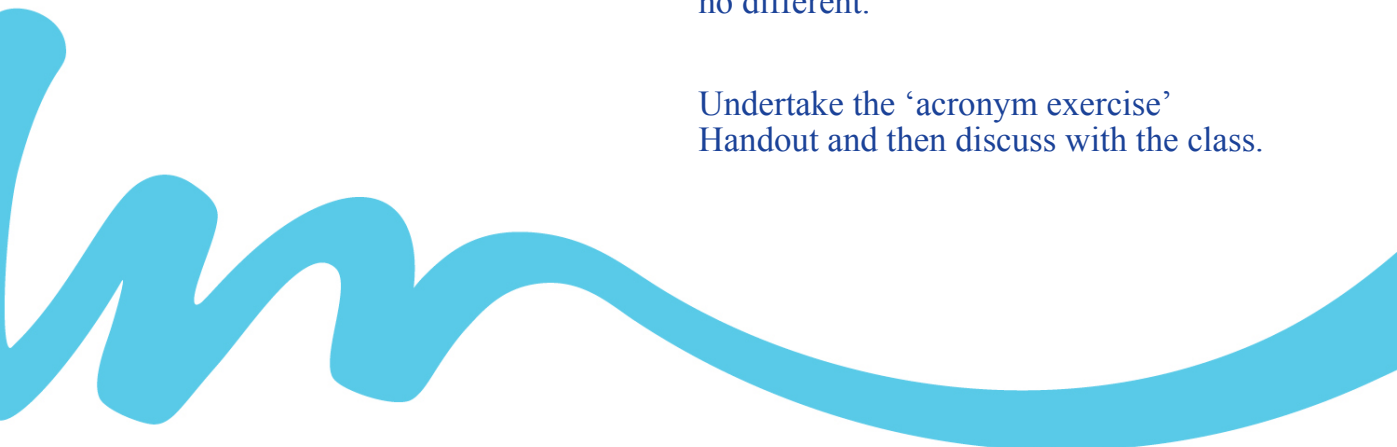
Acronyms & Abbreviations

RSPCA--
MS--
CD--
TAFE--
TAC--
ABS---
AIDS---
FOI---
CFA--
SES---
CRS--
RDNS--
AOD--
PD--
DFFH---
NGO---
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LGA--
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CALD--
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TAB---

Imagine how language and jargon can exclude people from accessing resources and services.

Discuss

Next session

History of the Welfare State

Thank you for listening…

Any questions?