ABCDE Learning Sites: A partnership in continuous learning
Change Spectrum

1. Community Building
2. Values
3. Citizen Led
4. Abundance
5. Return the Money
6. Place
7. Relief
8. Issues
9. Agency Led
10. Scarcity

ABC

Deficit Model

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Eight Touch Stones

OFinding a Community Building Team
OREcruiting a Community Animator
OHosting community conversations to discover assets and what people care about
OEngaging community groups and associations
OBuilding connections through social interaction and sharable opportunities
OVisioning and planning
OImplementing change (doing and reviewing)
OFostering celebration
“Making the invisible, visible”

Cormac Russell
Our UK Learning Sites

- **Our Learning Sites in the UK** include: Bristol, Croydon, Kirklees, Leeds, Gloucestershire, Thurrock, Lichfield, North West -Manchester, Wirral, South Ayrshire and Fife.

- **Outside of the UK** we have a strong presence in East Africa: Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan. We have also worked in South Africa and many other countries around the world.

**What is a Nurture Development Learning Site?**

Neighbourhood areas that become local community-led examples of ABCD in action.
West Croydon & Hodgehill

Our Learning Sites
ALL WE NEED IS RIGHT HERE
PRESENTS THE
Teddy Bear’s Picnic

CHAPTER 1
Tuesday 31st January 10am-12pm
Jacaranda Springs Park, Bassendean Blvd
HIGH WYCOMBE

CHAPTER 2
Tuesday 25th February 10am-12pm
Pinnac Reserve, Stonemason Rd
HIGH WYCOMBE

CHAPTER 3
Tuesday 22nd March 10am-12pm
Stir Park, Elizabeth Rd
KALAMUNDA

CHAPTER 4
Tuesday 22nd April 10am-12pm
Nature Playscape, Leedale Corner, WATTLE GROVE

COFFEE VAN - ICE CREAM TRUCK
GAMES - ENTERTAINMENT
Please bring a blanket, food to share & a smile!

lotterywest
Community Fun
Bendigo Bank
BANK of I.D.E.A.S.
Shire of Kalamunda
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We don't mean this...
We mean this...
Which does your current community engagement efforts most resemble?
Communities are complex, they demand continuous learning.
Touch Stone 1: Finding a Community Connector circle

Start your Initiator group
The main protagonists:

- **Leader** – someone that can bring people together to work on an issue.

- **Gift Giver** – a person that is willing to contribute their asset to work on an issue.

- **Invisible Person** – a person that has not yet been “discovered” or been convinced to use their assets to help achieve their dreams or address their concerns in the neighborhood.
The unsung hero!

- **Community Connectors** – an individual that is good at discovering what people care about and where their assets can be used. Not a single issue person!
  - Gift centered
  - Well connected
  - Trusted
  - Believe they are welcome
Touch Stone 2: Recruiting a Community Animator
The Characteristics of Community Animator

- A facilitator/includer
- A community builder in their own life
- A child-like curiosity/with an adult presence
- Never does for others what they can do for themselves
Touch Stone 3: Hosting Conversations to Discover Assets and What People Care About.

Appreciating what’s good about the community

What do people care about enough to work on?

Discovering, Mapping and Connecting
Touch Stone 4 : Engaging Local Groups and Associations

Ask what else they want to do, who else they know who might be interested in an ideas fair?

- e.g. Faith communities,
- sporting groups,
- environmental groups etc

Informal social networks
Do your map
OMap Jam
Associational Life

Citizen organisations/groups/networks where members do the work and are not paid
Touch Stone 5: Building Connections Through Social Interaction
Activities and Shareable Community Opportunities
Touch Stone 6: Visioning and Planning

3 Key Questions:
1 What can we do?
2 What do we need outside help with?
3 What do we need outside agencies to do for us?
Touch Stone 7-Implementing Change (Doing & Reviewing)
Touch Stone 8: Fostering Celebration
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