

Community Development: A local expression of a global movement

20 - 22 April 2020

Venue: NorthTec Raumanga Campus, Whangārei, Northland, New Zealand

CONFERENCE AIM

The conference will consider current issues in Community development, new and applied research and innovative practice. In particular it will reflect on the CD response to the major challenges of our age, inequality and climate change as expressed in the 17 Goals for sustainable development known as the SDG's.

The conference will reflect on CD today, the perceived retreat by Government and Local Government from supporting the field. The loss of education and training programs. The apparent side-lining of Community Economic Development in favour of a colonized version of Social Enterprise.

Globally the International Association for Community Development, IACD, has been involved in an extensive consultation exercise, including a conference in Aotearoa New Zealand, to develop its guidance "Towards Shared International Standards for Community Development Practice." This project has excited the CD community and is now translated into 14 languages and the subject of workshops and conferences around the world.

Our aim for this conference is to bring the standards to life by adding a specific chapter on practice in Aotearoa New Zealand through a process which enables our neighbors in the region to develop their own national standards chapter. And build the relevance and resilience of our practice.

CONFERENCE SUB THEMES

- Indigenous innovation
 - Community engagement
 - SDGs: submissions on all of the 17 goals will be considered especially Ending Poverty and Hunger, Reducing Inequalities, Promoting health, wellbeing and education, Climate Action and Living Sustainably
 - Community Economic Development
 - Reclaiming Rights and Justice
 - Contemporary Issues in CD
 - Our CD history
 - Researching, Teaching and Learning with Communities
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Conference abstracts are due 29/10/ 2019 and will be submitted to the conference website aotearoacommunitydevelopmentassociation.com/conference2020 using the guidelines on the site. This site is under constructions and will be live before September 20.
