

Working together in end of life care in your community: an asset based approach to community development

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We know we face ever-increasing pressures on services, resources and finances as we attempt to meet the palliative and end of life care needs of our population.

You should attend this workshop if you're interested in using an asset based community development (ABCD) approach to community engagement, and learning how we can:

- make the paradigm shift from a service focused approach to an asset focussed one
- ensure our communities are equal partners in caring
- discover increased resourcefulness, capacity and capability through working with our community.

Participants will learn about the guiding principles of ABCD in theory and practice and learn new ways of working together that inform a sustainable commissioning model for the future.

Overview

The learning experience focuses on the historical context of ABCD, its theoretical framework and some practical tools; providing you with the skills and information you need to start your ABCD initiative. The belief is that 'the medium is the message'; not only do participants gain new knowledge but they experience community building in practice through practical illustration and use of tools and techniques. Everyone will take away something new in their practice.

What will you learn over the two days?

The workshop will:

- give you an understanding of the history of ABCD, relating it to your experience of community development
- explain the 5 guiding principles of ABCD in both theory and practice
- identify the 6 building blocks or assets of community building, exploring how these can be identified, connected and mobilised in the neighbourhood context
- share the 8 touchstones of community building, offering stories and examples of their application
- identify the ABCD Tools for Change, eg Learning Conversations and Asset Mapping
- involve you in activities and exercises that you can then use in practice

- use stories and case studies of ABCD in action from our Learning Sites, in the UK and around the world, to highlight effective practice.

What will you be able to do after this workshop?

You'll be able to take ABCD into action in a way that is respectful of the local context and, ultimately create safer, healthier, more economically and environmentally vibrant places to live. You'll be able to use what's strong where you live/ and or work to deal with what's wrong but also to make what's strong, stronger.