



Community Development - An International Perspective

Seminar: 26 March 2010 at DCA, Dundee

Background

The International Association for Community Development is one of the very few global networks which supports community development. Since 1999, the registered office of the IACD has been in Scotland. It operates under Scottish Companies Law and is a Scottish Charity.

Like other charitable organisations, the IACD is governed by a voluntary management committee. Unlike other voluntary organisations, its Board of Directors is drawn from each of the UN regions of the world.

The IACD currently employs two part-time professional staff and its main funding comes from the Carnegie UK Trust, with support from a range of other Trusts and membership contributions.

The Seminar

There will be an awareness of the work of IACD on the part of many community development practitioners in Scotland. However, to date, there has never been a reference group within Scotland or an opportunity for practitioners, policy-makers and others with an interest in its work to connect more closely to the organisation.

IACD groups and networks have now developed in a number of other regions of the world to benefit from the exchange of practice, to support the work of IACD. This seminar will provide the opportunity to contribute through an exchange of practice to thinking about how best to promote the role of community development as a mechanism for supporting community empowerment and for raising awareness about issues of social justice. The seminar will provide an opportunity for workers wishing to take a more global view of their practice.

Seminar Programme

This event is **free** to community development practitioners who may be interested in learning more about the work of IACD and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis, with a maximum of 45.

To secure a place please complete and return the attached booking form.

- 1.00 Lunch at DCA and informal networking (lunch not provided!)
- 2.00 Tea and coffee will be available
- 2.15 Welcome and introductions - Stewart Murdoch, IACD UK Director and Treasurer
- 2.20 Brief presentation on IACD - some of the current projects that the organisation has been associated with - Debi Fry, IACD Development Officer
- Three perspectives on community development and social justice:
 - 2.40 Fraser Patrick, Chair of the Dundee Nablus Twinning Association
 - 3.00 Dr María Teresa Martínez Domínguez, Researcher with the One Planet Food Project - Supporting indigenous people in Ecuador
 - 3.20 Dr Eurig Scandrett, Lecturer in Sociological Theory at Queen Margaret University College and Fellow of Centre for Human Ecology - Global Injustice and Recovery, Bopal, India
 - 3.40 Group discussion
 - 4.15 Feedback and suggestions on the way forward - All
 - 4.30 Forthcoming IACD events and publications and Close - Stewart Murdoch, IACD