

Communities of Practice: Community Power and Systems Change

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Introductions.

- Who we are and what @SoTCoP means to us.
- Each group. Hello and handshake.

Multiple Expertise.

- An interactive session with Q&A.
- Developing your questions in groups.
- CoP experts and beginners' minds come up with the best questions.

What's a CoP?

- CoPs developed in US self help communities.
- Little Miracles.
- Generally become more problem focused when adopted in UK community work.
- Should promote community involvement.
- Definition of community?
- “Them” “Us” or both?

What's an @SoTCoP?

- Lived (multiple) experience!
- No Lived Experience? No CoP!
- @SoTCoP developed in Stoke and replicated(?) across England, Germany,
- Where else? Colorado and Guy Shennan
- “Not a talking shop”
- Meeting of minds, best hopes, resources.
- Outcomes.....

Impact on Communities.

- Systems Change.
- Power shift.
- Inclusive of people and ideas.
- Giving both voice and listeners.
- Modelling SFP.
- Influencing decisions.
- Influencing culture.
- Hard evidence in practice.

Meaningful inclusion.

- NOT tokenism!
- Of, By and For community and its members.
- How is this different for people who have been involved in joint decision making before?

Over to you.

- Reflecting on what you have heard...
- What have you noticed?
- What are you most curious about?
- When do you notice @SoTCoP in your work?
- What would have to happen.....?

How to.....

- Toolkit available soon.
- Keep in touch.
- Training and facilitation.

Q&A

- Definitely Questions.
- Hopefully Answers.

More information

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