



“Reaching out to Communities”
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North Regional Meeting

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Redbourn Village Hall

Background and different pathways leading to current place

Foundation in Art and Design	First qualification	Carpet Technology, Textiles, Management
	First job	Independent Test House Quality Assurance and Research and Development
	Last job	Head of Analytical Services, Tesco
Working for Charity course. Volunteer S&NH Women's Resource Centre	Change direction	Transferred skills to voluntary and community sector
UH Business School: Women's Returners and Mentoring	First job in voluntary & community	Project Manager ESF programme Objective 3 Priority 4 (BAME infrastructure & training)
Herts Community Foundation: Trainer Better Boards and Grant Assessor Social Justice: Play Area in HMP The Mount and Jobs Pathway Rural life: villages halls, housing, transport, community energy, health Health inequalities BAMER	Current job	CEO, CDA Herts. Co-Chair Herts CEOs Network, Co-Chair VCS Covid Recovery/Group Voluntary Rep Local Resilience Forum, Health Inequalities Integrated Care Board, Co-Chair BAME Network
Previous trusteeship: S&NH Women's Resource Centre Herts Community Foundation Herts Young Homeless Herts Independent Living Services North Herts College and School Governor	Voluntary and community	Chair: Stevenage World Forum, Herts Equality Council, MENTER (Minority Ethnic Network in The Eastern Region)



Model for community development and engagement

Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) is about people living in local places and taking responsibility for each other and their local resources.

It is a description, not a model, of how local residents grow collective efficacy (Sampson et al., 1999) and what they use to do so (McKnight, 2009).

What are the assets?

- **The gifts, skills, knowledge, and passions of all local residents**
- **The power of local social networks/associations**
- **The resources of public, private and non-profit institutions**
- **The physical resources of place**
- **The economic resources of place**
- **The stories of its' residents shared lives**



ABCD Principles and Practices

Principles	Practices
Citizen led	Best placed to do things together
Relationship oriented	Individuals from all sectors working towards consensual groupings
Asset based	What is currently strong and not what is wrong?
Place based	Explore what is available in the neighbourhood
Inclusion focused	How can you know what the community needs until you know what it has?



In partnership	United Women Host Stevenage World Forum	Theme
Request from 2 Iranian sisters	2007 Public event	100 th anniversary
SWF, Inner Wheel	2012 North Herts College	Stop violence against women
SWF, Inner Wheel	2014 Town Centre	Celebration
SWF, Inner Wheel	2016 North Herts College	Stop violence against women
SWF, Inner Wheel	2017 Healthy Hub	Days for Girls
SWF, Inner Wheel, Soroptimist	2020 Community Centre	“Who gives a crap!”
SWF, SG1 Radio	2021 Zoom	Climate change/environment
SWF, Soroptimist	2022 Community Centre	#breakthebias – defend yourself
SWF, Inner Wheel, Soroptimist	2023 Church Centre	#embraceequity



“Discoverables” Not Deliverables

**“The world is full of magic things,
patiently awaiting for senses
to grow sharper”**

W.B. Yeats

