

Reflections on 10 Powerful Principles

10 thought provoking and inspiring talks from leaders across the sector. Each will focus around one of the 10 principles of Local Area Coordination, offering their perspective on how embracing it can help us towards a brighter, better future.



As key leaders in the development of Local Area Coordination in Western Australia, nationally and internationally, Eddie Bartnik will open and Ralph Broad will close our event.



Principles and presentations:

Introduction

The importance of the 10 principles in Local Area Coordination and beyond



Eddie Bartnik, Director of Tamar Consultancy Pty Ltd

Eddie is Director of Tamar Consultancy and has 30 years uninterrupted leadership experience with Local Area Coordination at state, national and international levels. He had 20 years of deep experience with Local Area Coordination in Western Australia, including as state-wide Director of Local Area Coordination where he led scaling to full state-wide coverage. Eddie has since consulted widely with interstate and international Local Area Coordination implementation as well as national implementation in the Australian National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). He has a unique long-term view.

Principle: Choice and Control

Individuals, often with support of their families and personal networks, are best placed to lead in making their own decisions and plan, choose and control supports, services and resources.



Ralph Broad, Director of Inclusive Neighbourhoods

Ralph led the development of Local Area Coordination in England and Wales. He has also supported new developments in Western Australia and Singapore, as well as supporting NDIS partner organisations in Australia. He is founder of the Local Area Coordination Network in England and Wales.

Principle: Citizenship

All people in our communities have the same rights, responsibilities and opportunities to participate in and contribute to the life of the community, respecting and supporting their identity, beliefs, values and practices.



Simon Duffy, Director of the Centre for Welfare Reform and a founding member of Citizen Network

Simon's work has focused on advancing citizenship for everyone. He developed the concept of the Keys to Citizenship (2003) and led the development of Self-Directed Support in England with In Control (2003-2009). He also worked closely with people with learning disabilities and their families on deinstitutionalisation and the development of Personalised Support, establishing Inclusion Glasgow in 1996. Simon is also active in the movement for Basic Income and is working on the development of Basic Income Plus to replace disability benefits. Simon has a doctorate in moral philosophy and writes on the welfare state, citizenship, social justice and inclusion. Key publications include *Unlocking the Imagination* (1996), *Keys to Citizenship* (2003) *Women at the Centre* (2011) and *The Unmaking of Man* (2013). His awards include the RSA's Prince Albert Medal and the Social Policy Association Award for outstanding contribution to social policy.

Principle: Contribution

We value and encourage the strengths, knowledge, skills and contribution that all individuals, families and communities bring.



Clenton Farquharson MBE, Director of Community Navigator Services CIC

Clenton Farquharson, MBE, is a disabled person with lived experience of health and social care. He employs his own Personal Assistant and also looks after his 85 year old mum's personal budget which she uses for her own Personal Assistant. He is the Chair of the Think Local Act Personal partnership board, and member of the Coalition for Personalised Care. Recently he became a member of the Social Care Sector COVID-19 Stakeholder Group, which aims to ensure concerted and determined action continues to be taken to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 for those who rely on care and support and the social care workforce. Clenton is also a member of the NHS Assembly, set up to oversee the NHS Ten Year Plan, the current chair of Quality Matters, a trustee of the Race Equality Foundation and an ambassador for Disability Rights UK. He is a director of Community Navigator Services CIC, and a Skills for Care Ambassador. He works as a consultant, auditor, trainer, and coach on inclusion, equality and disability, social justice and was named in Disability News Services' list of influential disabled people. He supports Birmingham City Football Club.

Principle: Information

Access to accurate, timely and relevant information supports informed decision-making, choice and control.



Angela Catley, Director of Development at Community Catalysts

After qualifying as a nurse for people with a learning disability over 30 years ago, Angela has had a long career in the field of health and social care – supporting people in many different ways and settings. Angela has worked with many individuals, community groups, local councils, statutory bodies and providers across the UK to help them to engage with and overcome the challenges of truly person-centred support, care and health services. She is a strong advocate of person-centred approaches and of finding local, community driven solutions to health and care challenges.

Principle: Lifelong Learning

All people have a life-long capacity for learning, development and contribution.



Serena Jones, Executive Director of Operations at Coastal Housing

Serena Jones works for Coastal Housing, a provider of social housing in south Wales. Responsible for delivery of core housing services, she brings expertise from a career in supported housing to shape services to be more relational, strengths based and person centred. She is a reformed target and KPI setter.

Principle: Complimentary Nature of Services

Services should support and complement the role of individuals, families and communities in supporting people to achieve their aspirations for a good life.



Jessica Studdert, Deputy CEO New Local (Formerly NLGN)

Jessica leads New Local's research programme and contributes strategic oversight of the organisation. She writes and speaks about numerous subjects related to localism, devolution, public service reform and local finance. She co-authored the Community Paradigm with Adam Lent in 2019 and continues to inform much of New Local's research and practice. Previously, Jessica was political adviser to the Labour Group at the Local Government Association (LGA). Prior to that, she worked in policy roles in the voluntary sector for a homelessness and children's charity, and she began her career at the Fabian Society.

Principle: Natural Authority

People and their families are experts in their own lives, have knowledge about themselves and their communities and are best placed to make their own decisions.



Nick Gardham, Chief Executive Officer at Community Organisers and Director of the European Community Organisers Network

In his role as CEO Nick works as an advisor to various Government Departments and national community sector bodies on citizen participation and community organising, including Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, Home Office, Cabinet Office and Ministry for Housing Communities and Local Government. He also serves on multiple committees in an advisory capacity, supporting the development of community policy and programmes.

Principle: Community

Communities are further enriched by the inclusion and participation of all people and these communities are the most important way of building friendship, support and a meaningful life.



Clare Wightman, Chief Executive Officer at Grapevine Coventry and Warwickshire

Relationships are at the heart of Grapevine's work. Relationships solve problems and open up opportunities - for people, for organisations and for systems. Clare works with the strengths of individuals and communities to help them bring about change that will improve their lives and futures. In doing that Grapevine has pioneered ways of helping communities to form that are ambitious for their members' health and happiness. But Clare, and Grapevine, don't stop there. They want to get at root causes of problems that won't go away – not just treat the symptoms. They do that by working with systems and services like the NHS and local authorities to see how together they can understand and tackle the real problem – for good. She likes to work people to people, without templates, policies or processes – as much as she can get away with it!

Principle: Working Together

Effective partnerships with individuals/families, communities and services are vital in strengthening the rights and opportunities for people and their families to achieve their vision for a good life, inclusion and contribution.



Sian Lockwood OBE, Chief Executive Officer at Community Catalysts

Sian Lockwood is a graduate of Oxford University with a Masters in Social Work Studies. She has worked in a wide range of statutory and voluntary sector organisations in the UK and Africa before becoming the Chief Executive of a charity delivering family-based services to people with learning disabilities across Yorkshire and Teesside. Her experiences with that charity led her to become a passionate advocate for small-scale community-led solutions that helped other local people, and as CEO of Shared Lives Plus lobbied successfully for a regulatory approach which placed the burden of regulation on an agency rather than the families. In her current role as CEO of Community Catalysts she continues the fight for a legal, regulatory and bureaucratic environment within which local people can use their gifts, talents and imagination to create enterprising services and ventures that help other local people. Sian was awarded an OBE for services to social care in the 2010 Queen's Birthday Honours List. She is a Fellow of the Royal Society for the Arts and of the Salzburg Global Forum.

Principle: Relationships

Families, friends and personal networks are the foundations of a rich and valued life in the community.



David Robinson, founder of the Relationships Project

David Robinson is a community worker in east London. He is the joint leader of the [Relationships Project](#) which is currently gathering insights from the social response to Covid and seeking to spot, support, and sustain the positives. [The Moment We Noticed](#) reports on the first 100 days of that work. David has founded and led several other social organisations including [Community Links](#), [Shift](#) and [Discover](#). He is a founding director at Social Finance, chair of the Impact Incubator, a Practitioner in Residence at the LSE's Marshall Institute and an Ashoka Senior Fellow. He has previously led the PM's Council on Social Action, and the National Early Action Task Force.

Local Area Coordination Network

The conference is hosted by the Local Area Coordination Network at Community Catalysts - the home of Local Area Coordination learning and development in England and Wales. We work with new sites to develop Local Area Coordination and support existing members to tackle common challenges and build on our shared vision, principles and values.

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