



# COMMUNITY LED DEVELOPMENT

## 10 tips to inspire your community



**TOP TEN TIPS FOR GETTING STARTED IN THE COMMUNITY** - covering off ideas and suggestions in support of starting small, creating visibility, and getting creative.

# 1.

## START FROM WHERE YOU ARE.

Be clear on your “why” = your purpose.

# 2.

## TALK.

Have lots of conversations, ask powerful questions, and actively build trust and relationships.

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## FOCUS.

Focus on community priorities and timelines.

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### **IDENTIFY NEEDS.**

Identify assets, strengths and what the community does well already.

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### **LOOK FOR BRIGHT SPOTS.**

Go where the energy is and invest in people and their passions.

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### **START SMALL AND ACHIEVABLE.**

Aspire to build community through all that you do, know that one thing frequently leads to another.

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### **DO THINGS WITH OTHERS.**

Collaboration brings new ideas, resources, and energy for possibilities.

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### **CREATE SOMETHING VISIBLE**

- seeing is believing and generates momentum.

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### **ANTICIPATE 'MESS'**

Paradoxes and uncertainty – this is normal!

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### **BE CREATIVE**

Have fun and strive for results. Help grow a local culture of learning, reflection and celebration.

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# ABOUT INSPIRING COMMUNITIES



**Inspiring Communities weave connections and collaborations across sectors and communities. We help make things easier for communities to work in locally-led ways – together. We believe that communities know best about what works for them and what they need to thrive. We share local wisdom and practice-based evidence to inform public policy and systems change. We focus our mahi around ako (learning), tautoko (supporting), tuhono (connecting) and whakaaweawe (influencing) to grow a rich kete of practices, tools and support for communities to flourish. *Nā tō rourou, nā taku rourou ka ora ai te iwi: With your basket and my basket, we will sustain the people.***

## RESOURCES

Harakeke/Flax - from the root to the flower the harakeke shares its properties.

## ADVICE

Korimako/Bell Bird - fluent, graceful speaker.

## EVENTS

Whakaatu/Presenting - the peak of the mountain as a stage to present from.

Talk to us about your CLD training, workshop needs, coaching, support and opportunities in your community or region. We understand diversity! We can tailor packages to your specific requirements.

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## Great resource links

- [Community-Led Development Principles](#)
- [The Quadrants of Change](#)
- [CLD Theory of Change](#)