



# 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".

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## **LISTEN.**

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

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## **FOCUS.**

Work with others to map out community priorities and timeline.

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### **IDENTIFY.**

Identify 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.**

Talk to us about your CLD training, workshop needs, coaching, support and opportunities in your community or region.

📧 Email us [exchange@inspiringcommunities.org.nz](mailto:exchange@inspiringcommunities.org.nz)

Our Getting Started kete will help you apply each of our 5 CLD principles to your role using:

- practical tools, skills and resources, building on the starter kete foundations
- actions, stories and examples of people across different roles and environments, and how they applied them.

Link to: [Inspiring Communities Resources](#)

## Great resource links

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