

Nurture Development

Nurture Development is one of Ireland's leading training and facilitation agencies in the community, voluntary and public sector. We work with a wide variety of community and voluntary groups as well as Local Authorities, the Health Service Executive and the Third Sector. Nurture Development has extensive experience in the development of strategic plans, facilitation, training and dispute resolution/mediation services. The Nurture Development team is comprised of highly energetic, results-oriented people who focus on achieving quality outputs for our clients.

Booking Form

To register, please return this form to:

Nurture Development, 80 Sandford Road, Ranelagh, Dublin 6.

Please enclose cheque/bank draft in Euro for the full amount made payable to Nurture Development.

Name: _____

Job Title: _____

Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Fee Enclosed: € _____

Please tick the workshop(s) you will attend:

- Workshop 1: Older People
- Workshop 2: People with Disabilities
- Workshop 3: Mental Health
- Workshop 4: The Unemployed
- Workshop 5: Ex-Prisoners/Substance Mis-users
- Workshop 6: Young People

Please photocopy booking form and complete separately for other delegates from the same organisation.

For further information, please contact Nurture Development

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Cancellation period: if you cannot attend, one named substitute delegate may attend in your place or you can defer your booking to a subsequent programme. If you must cancel, please confirm your cancellation 7 days before the commencement of the programme in writing (letter, fax or e-mail) and you will receive a refund less 10 per cent administration charge. Regrettably, no refunds can be made for cancellations received after that date.

Speaker

Mike Green



Mike has worked for over twenty years as a community organiser and trainer in Canada and the US. He has experience developing neighbourhood resident organisations, faith based organisations, and community partnerships to address social and economic issues. He has experience in business development, marketing, organisational development, and management. Mike is a licensed clinical social worker (M.S.W.) and family therapist and has worked in human services, public welfare, mental health and schools.

Today much of Mike's work is about using Asset Based Community Development to address the question of building more inclusive communities. Mike's inclusion work has a focus on two related questions: organising local residents in everyday life for inclusion of more isolated people; and helping service provider agencies get organised to support these local citizen groups in their work for community inclusion.

Mike's daughter Annie is a person with developmental disabilities who inspires his work.

Mike's dream is that more and more people can come to see truly that 'there is no one we don't need' and that a community without a place for everyone really has a place for no one.

Mike is affiliated with Jody Kretzmann's and John McKnight's Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) Institute. Mike teaches and consults throughout North America and internationally. Mike's focus is the practical implementation of ABCD principles. He was the training director of the ABCD Institute's Neighborhood Circle for four years. With Henry Moore, Mike founded the ABCD Training Group ten years ago. Mike Green, Henry Moore and John O'Brien have published a new book and DVD about ABCD implementation for successful community partnerships: "When People Care Enough To Act: ABCD In Action" (published by Inclusion Press, 2007).

Chairperson



Cormac Russell is a member of the International Asset Based Community Development Faculty at Northwestern University in Chicago, and is a leading expert in the Asset Based Community Development Approach. He is a well known trainer, social researcher and facilitator. He is also a civil and commercial mediator with the ADR Group in the public and community and voluntary sector. He is the Managing Director of Nurture Development. He has also been a member of National College of Ireland's associate

faculty for the past seven years with key responsibility for the NCI Certificate in Active Citizenship for Local Development.

After 10 years of research into models of community development and leadership and the 'building of civil society', Cormac has forged a strategic alliance with Professor John McKnight and the Asset Based Community Development Institute, North Western University, Chicago to roll out Asset Based Training throughout Ireland and more recently in Kenya. Cormac has trained in the ABCD approach in Europe and the US, and is Ireland's foremost expert in how to build sustainable neighbourhoods and ensure widespread civic engagement.

Everyone has Something to Contribute in an Inclusive Society

How to ensure people seen as marginalised become valued contributing members of their community



Nurture Development is pleased to announce that Mike Green, an internationally renowned speaker and author on the issue of social inclusion, will deliver a series of themed workshops over three days in Dublin in November 2008 under the heading of:

A 'How to Guide' to Social Inclusion

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We all know that social inclusion is important, now more than ever. Exclusion costs the labelled person the opportunity to be a productive community member. This also deprives the community of the valuable contributions the person has to offer.

The focus needs to be on supporting labelled people to contribute as citizens so that they do not remain at the edge of the community, dependent and under valued.

However, two questions remain that pose a challenge for everyone working with, or who are members of, marginalised groups:

1. **How do we actually 'do' social inclusion?**
2. **In light of the economic downturn, how do we 'do' social inclusion with ever decreasing resources?**

Mike Green will address these questions using two internationally recognised methodologies, Asset Based Community Development, as developed by Professor John McKnight and Professor Jody Krezman and the Person Centred Planning approach as developed by John O'Brien. He will show workshop participants the practical steps that they can take on a 'Monday morning' to promote real and meaningful social inclusion.

Mike believes that defining people as needy and trying to comprehensively fill those needs with services is a costly and often harmful exercise. He will show how more can be achieved by directing investment towards citizen initiatives that build intentional relationships which mobilise people to act upon that which they care about, thereby building bridges from the margins to the centre of community life.

There will also be short presentations from Irish organisations and associations that are successfully using these innovative citizen led approaches in their work with marginalised groups.

The six workshop themes are:

1. Older People
2. People with Disabilities
3. The Unemployed
4. Young People
5. Ex Prisoners/ Substance Mis-users
6. People with mental health issues

Workshops – A 'How to Guide' to Social Inclusion

Wednesday 26 November

- Workshop 1: 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. Older People
- Workshop 2: 2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. People with Disabilities

Thursday 27 November

- Workshop 3: 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. Mental Health
- Workshop 4: 2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. The Unemployed

Friday 28 November

- Workshop 5: 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. Ex-Prisoners/ Substance Mis-users
- Workshop 6: 2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. Young People

Location

St. Andrews Resource Centre, 114-116 Pearse St., Dublin 2

Cost:

The cost per workshop is €100 and there is a 25% discount for any delegate attending more than one workshop as follows:

- One Workshop: €100
- Two Workshops: €175
- Three Workshops: €225
- Four Workshops: €300
- Five Workshops: €375
- Six Workshops: €450

A further 10% discount applies when three or more delegates attend from the same organisation.

Who should attend?

These workshops are equally relevant to those in key decision making roles with regard to funding or service delivery in the education, statutory, voluntary and/or community sectors as it is to citizen leaders. They also have an important message for policy makers.

Others who will find the workshop of interest include:

- ◆ Local authority officials (especially those working in community development, estate management and regeneration)
- ◆ Community Liaison Officers
- ◆ Youth Work Practitioners
- ◆ An Gardai Siochana
- ◆ Disability and mental health advocates
- ◆ Local Drugs Task Forces
- ◆ Probation and Prison Services
- ◆ Community Development Workers
- ◆ Academics
- ◆ Regeneration Projects

