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Engaging Facilitation Workshops

“Every single person has capacities, abilities and gifts. Living a good life depends on whether those capacities can be used, abilities expressed and gifts given.”
John McKnight

Intentional Facilitation focuses on purposefully organising agendas to ensure useful and effective outcomes. Based on the principles and processes of The Art of Hosting and Asset Based, Community Driven approaches, this hands-on workshop discusses the ‘what, why, when and how’ of facilitation techniques for groups of all sizes! The methods used are based on discovering what people truly care about and demonstrate how passions can become actions! The workshop highlights how to discover new ways of working with others to create innovative and authentic solutions! Participants will leave this workshop with practical knowledge of group facilitation techniques and discover how a sense of fun and openness is necessary to encourage people to feel confident and safe enough to step up and have a go!

Come and explore how inclusive group processes make good sense when bringing stakeholders together to create innovative solutions. Through the workshop you will learn a number of simple processes in a practical hands-on way that can be used in a variety of settings. Drawing on the experience of the facilitator and participants, you will:

- Leave with increased confidence in hosting group processes
- Discover how to form effective questions
- Explore group dynamics
- Consider how to plan, introduce & debrief exercises using questions that matter



“If you think you’re too small to have an impact, try going to bed with a mosquito.”
Anita Roddick (founder of The Body Shop)

Dee Brooks – bio

[Dee Brooks](#) Director of the [Jeder Institute, Pathways to Leadership](#), is a passionate and highly energetic community engagement and development trainer who also provides professional facilitation and keynote addresses for conferences, forums and events.

Based on a decade of grassroots work with the Family Action Centre (FAC) at the University of Newcastle, Dee has trained and presented to thousands of people at hundreds of events and workshops. Dee's background is in youth work, community research and community development and she is a firm believer in the power of tapping into the collective wisdom of a community to strengthen and build on what's already there.

Dee provides Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) Art of Hosting & Facilitating Group Processes training for a range of organisations and government departments and assists with community inclusive strategic planning.

Dee is a founding member and Facilitator of the [ABCD Asia Pacific Network](#), an ABCD trainer and consultant, an [Art of Hosting](#) trained facilitator, a founding co-creator of [The Unconference](#), a [Flow Game](#) Host and a [DRUMBEAT](#) Facilitator.

Dee is an International Faculty Member of the [ABCD Institute](#) based at Northwestern University, Chicago, U.S.A. and a Steward of the international [ABCD in Action](#) Network.

Michaela Kennedy - bio

Michaela has been involved within organisations at many levels, leading the cultural change processes to embed personalisation and community inclusion. Beginning in 2006, Michaela lead the implementation of Person Centred Practices at a large non-government service provider. Establishing a team of Person Centred facilitators, she was the principal advisor to the Senior Leadership team. She is a skilled practitioner and trainer of Person Centred Thinking and Planning including Maps, Paths, Lifestyle and Support Planning, Community Connecting, Coaching and Mentoring, Team Building and Planning, Strengths Focused Meetings and People skills, Participatory Leadership and Partnership Building. She has worked in the disability sector in NSW (Australia) for over 20 years; has presented at various State and National Conferences, facilitated training for government and non-government organisations and facilitated and coordinated many events and conferences based on strengths based approaches. Michaela is Accredited in Person Centred Thinking and Planning, Workplace training and assessment and Drumbeat facilitator.

Endorsements

Jody Kretzmann (ABCD Institute):

"Dee Brooks is an energising and welcoming facilitator and an experienced community engagement trainer. Her Australian ABCD examples and stories are constructive and her enthusiasm is contagious. Her participatory style assists people in feeling inspired and motivated as she encourages them to discover what is useful and relevant. I would recommend Dee to any community, service, organisation or government department." Jody Kretzmann, ABCD Institute

Tina McManus - Practice Manager - UnitingCare Disability:

Our organisation has worked with Michaela to develop a Person Centred Approaches Training Program for 100 staff who support people with a disability. I am extremely impressed with the way Michaela worked with us in the development of a program that was workable for us, keeping our organisation's vision and values at the forefront. The evaluations to date are testament to Michaela's passion for the work that she does and in particular her ability to provide practical ways for our staff to reflect on their own values which will ultimately enhance the lives of the people we support.

Participant quotes:

"I have been in Health for over 20 years and this is by far the best workshop I have ever been to! Dee was excellent – well spoken, very specific & gave us the chance to contribute our personal experience to make it relevant to each individual!"

"Fantastic, energised presentation! It was much more than I was expecting and I am looking forward to putting it into practice! Thanks!"

"I really enjoyed having my brain stretched; considering the broader possibilities that this approach could mean when applied to the wider community (we're all in!)."

"I feel great doing this course. Just fantastic!!" "I loved the trainer's energy and passion!"