

CDNet/CD Peer Network Storytelling Project

In the first half of 2018, the CDNet Steering Committee is focusing on a project that aims to raise awareness of and celebrate community-driven work being done by community workers and community champions.

Two processes are in play:

- a) skills development workshops for community workers and champions, and
- b) creating a resource that demonstrates and celebrates community development stories.*

Activities include:

- Engaging two highly skilled Canberra community story-tellers (who recently presented Ted talks) to facilitate two story-telling workshops with the CD Peer Network.
 - The first of these is on 22 March: <https://cd-peer-network-22-march-2018.eventbrite.com.au> and will be facilitated by Lesley Harris of Capital Giving (<http://capitalgiving.org/>)
 - The subsequent CD Peer Network meeting on 10 May will provide an opportunity for people to try out their storytelling and gain feedback and advice
- Four Master of Social Work (MSW) students at the Australian Catholic University (ACU) have volunteered to create a resource on stories that celebrate community development in the region as their community work group assignment this semester.
- A larger CDNet Forum event to launch the resource and provide further skills development is planned for the second half of June. Ideas for this event are:
 - Showing why telling our community development stories is important
 - A launch of the student project/product – key messages, lessons learnt
 - Hearing some stories of Community Development – inspiring, celebratory examples
 - Inviting a few VIPs to attend to hear those stories?
 - Incorporating a workshop opportunity for a wider group of people to get the key principles in telling their stories or enabling others to tell theirs.

*Two previous resources created for ACTCOSS are:

Stories of Home (April 2016) - <http://www.actcoss.org.au/sites/default/files/public/publications/2016-stories-of-home.pdf> - also attached (booklet).

Stories of Transition (November 2017) - <http://www.actcoss.org.au/publications/advocacy-publications/stories-transition> - also attached (booklet + timeline).