Steve Skinner –Masterclass “ ***Communities Empowered Making it Real***”

Thursday 9th June

Camelon Education Centre

In March 2013 a Community Capacity Building Seminar was held in Falkirk, and in September last year the South East and Central Workforce Development Consortium held their “Passing the Power” Conference. At the “Passing the Power” Conference the Community Empowerment Act was explained, and its relevance to Community Learning and Development considered. In particular, consideration was given to those elements of the Act seen as being most relevant to CLD, such as participation requests, local community planning, participatory budgeting and asset transfer/ownership of resources.

Those events are now being followed up by a further conference which will be held on the 9th June 2016. At this event we will take forward suggestions made in September 2015 about “What Next?” in relation to the Act and CLD, within the context of community development, and community capacity building. It is not intended to be a further explanation of the Act, but an opportunity for us to consider, even challenge our practice, and how we can put it into effect in supporting and enabling communities to take advantage of the Act.

The day will have a balanced programme with inputs, discussion, case studies and examples of good practice. The event keynote speaker and main contributor Steve Skinner, will help us consider: -

1. The different elements of the Community Empowerment Act and what it means for community development and community capacity building.
2. The skills that workers and communities will need to take advantage of the Act
3. How we can use the four building blocks of community capacity building in relation to the Act,
4. What it could/should mean for community empowerment in practice.
5. What roles we should have and how we can develop these

The event, therefore, is an opportunity for CLD workers to explore the challenges and possibilities implicit for us within the Community Empowerment Act, noting that these challenges and opportunities extend not just to workers, but also to communities.

Further information on Steve Skinner and his work on Community Capacity Building can be found on the internet at <http://www.steveskinerassociates.org.uk/>

A series of short films on Community Capacity Building which were recorded at the 2013 conference are available for viewing on the Education Scotland i-develop site.