



Making Kelham Green using Asset-Based Community Development

How does an ABCD approach promote the use of green space in Kelham Island?

Aim

To explore how the approach to developing green space in Kelham Island fits with an asset based community development approach and promotes the development of green space for local residents.

Objectives

- ❖ To identify the ABCD principles that have already been incorporated into the Kelham Green project.
- ❖ To use an ABCD framework to document the action steps that are taken.
- ❖ To evaluate the impact of each action step.
- ❖ To obtain views of local residents on the overall impact of the ABCD approach.

What is the Asset Based Community Development?

Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) is an approach to sustainable community-driven development. This approach focuses on existing strengths within the community rather than deficiencies and problems. ABCD begins with a commitment to discovering exist assets and capacities in a community and mobilises individuals, associations and institutions to build on their assets. The power of ABCD is found in the community leadership and local associations.

Why the ABCD approach is useful in Kelham Island?

Residents in Kelham Island, through the Kelham Island Community Association, have developed plans to develop the green space in the local neighbourhood so that it becomes a more valuable local asset and an asset that more fully supports the health and wellbeing of the local community.

Developing green space for the community

The University is working with KICA to capture people's views on what they would like to see and do in green spaces in Kelham Island. The purpose is not only to gather information about residents views on green space but also to enhance the connections between existing valuable community assets.

What would you like to see and do in green spaces in Kelham Island?

