

Links – Recommended by Jim Diers

<http://www.abcdinstitute.org/>

The **Asset-Based Community Development Institute (ABCD)** is at the centre of a large and growing movement that considers local assets as the primary building blocks of sustainable community development. Through this site, you can order publications, learn of events, and join a discussion group. Jim is a member of the Institute's faculty which is led by John McKnight and Jody Kretzmann.

<http://www.bankofideas.com.au/>

The Bank of I.D.E.A.S. is based in Australia but its resources for economic development, youth leadership, inclusion and other community-driven work have a global impact. The website will enable you to access a large volume of on-line publications, subscribe to a newsletter that reaches 10,000 readers in 105 countries, and contact the organization's director, Peter Kenyon. Peter is a popular speaker and facilitator, member of the ABCD faculty, and coordinates Jim's tours of Australia.

<http://inspiringcommunities.org.nz/>

Inspiring Communities has been working since 2008 to grow the recognition, understanding and practice of community-led development and promote the difference it makes throughout Aotearoa. Through their website, you can order "Learning by Doing," an excellent handbook of practical advice based on an analysis of case studies from diverse communities. This well-networked organization coordinates Jim's tours of New Zealand.

<http://www.nurturedevelopment.org/>

Nurture Development is based in Ireland and England and is leading the ABCD movement in Europe. Cormac Russell, their dynamic director, is on the faculty of the ABCD Institute and his publications and blog can be accessed through the website. Nurture Development coordinates Jim's tours in the United Kingdom and Ireland.

<http://tamarackcommunity.ca/>

The Tamarack Institute is based in Canada and helps people to collaborate, co-generate knowledge and achieve collective impact on complex community issues such as poverty. Their website enables you to participate in a learning community, know about upcoming events, and order one of the insightful books written by director Paul Born. Paul is a member of the ABCD faculty, and Jim is a thought leader for The Tamarack Institute.

<http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/>

The City of Seattle's Department of Neighborhoods provides programs and services that engage people in civic participation, foster stronger communities, make government more accessible, and preserve and enhance the character of Seattle's neighborhoods. Their website has information on all of the department's programs but most helpful are the guidelines, application form, and project descriptions and photos for the Neighborhood Matching Fund. Jim was the Department's