

Community Leadership PDF Resource

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Community Leadership Internet Resources
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Below are web sites from Australia and overseas that provide useful information on community leadership issues. We have categorised these sites into eight key areas

- General Resources
- Ethics
- Leadership and Leadership Development
- Change and Organisational Development
- Effective Groups
- Fundraising (nonprofit)
- Community Development and Community Education
- Personal Wellness

General Resources The following sites fit all three categories to a high degree:

Community Toolbox (developed by the University of Kansas)
<http://ctb.lsi.ukans.edu/tools/tools.htm>

The Community Toolbox addresses a large range of issues within the community and volunteer development sector. Chapters have multiple sections, each with real life examples, related topics, tools and checklists. There is also a trouble shooting guide, a community workstation which outlines core community work such as grant applications and strategic plans and a Learning Communities forum and chatroom. A very well organised and comprehensive site well worth bookmarking.

Interactive Knowledge for Non-profit Organisations Worldwide.
<http://www.iknow.org>

This web site acts as a portal to other resources providing useful resources and links in regard to volunteerism, effective management practices, fundraising and aligning vision with strategy.

Milano Non-profit Management Knowledge Hub.
<http://www.newschool.edu/milano/hub/>

This site is a hub for links to other sites in the non-profit sector which have been rated and reviewed. It has very good sections for leaders/managers of community development organisations and for managers of non profits outside the U.S.

The Free Management Library
<http://www.mapnp.org/library/>

This site provides extensive resources for profit and non-profit organisations. An easy to follow layout with no fancy graphics just loads of useful information including simple instructional sheets. It covers a vast number of topics with sections related to leadership, strategic planning, managing change, conflict management and group facilitation. It also has pages on personal wellness issues, ethics and volunteers. Look out for the sections on 'Related links in the Library'. Well worth perusing.

Niagara College Canada - Centre for Community Leadership
<http://www.communityleadership.net/>



A Canadian based site that holds several sound resources for volunteer staff which relate to human resources, leadership, planning and board facilitation. Tools are accessible through a discussion board format, in which papers, fact sheets and links can be accessed.

EnergizeInc

<http://www.energizeinc.com/art.html>

This is an easy to navigate site catering especially to volunteer leaders. It includes a Volunteer Management Library with books, e books and web based articles and links related to volunteerism. It has a section on collective wisdom highlighting issues such as providing recognition, diversity and recruitment. It offers reflections to inspire and also invites people to share their wisdom. You can join their email list for monthly updates. Well worth a look.

Communitybuilders (developed by the NSW government)

<http://www.communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au/builder/leaders/lship.html>

This site is one of the best we have found related to community leadership and community organising anywhere. It's a one stop shop and portal to a world of highly relevant information. Organised into modules each contains practical advice, tools and links to a comprehensive array of resources. There is a wide cross section of case studies and related readings for all types of communities. For example: The section on Creating Stronger Communities looks at developing inclusive, safe and healthy communities as well as vibrant and enterprising communities whether these are related to specific issues, cultures or localities. A site that gets you thinking about what's possible it is also very a worthwhile resource for capacity building of non government organisations, community members, volunteers, leaders and managers alike.

Leadership Victoria

<http://www.leadershipvictoria.org>

This site developed out of the Williamson Community Leadership program. Here you will find diverse resources relating to leadership and leadership development. The articles cover a very broad range of topics, including the Victorian Koorie Community Leadership Program and volunteering. There are book reviews and links to other resources as well as sections on youth leadership and interviews with leaders.

Communitywise (developed by the Western Australia government)

<http://www.communitywise.wa.gov.au>

This community development website emphasises community economic development with reference to WA communities and programs. That aside it has a good section on how to run a participative strategic planning meeting as well as very good information on developing submissions. It also provides a structural and legal guide to community organisations.

The Management Centre Links Library

<http://www.tmcenter.org/pages/index.html>

This has several linked resources for non-profit organisations, covering topics such as organisational development and planning, leadership and management as well as boards and management.

The Non Profit Centre

<http://www.nonprofits.org/npofaq/>

The FAQ section of is very well organised and easy to access. From dozens of topic areas in five main sections you can find quick summary responses to important question and issues. Need to know if there



is a conflict of interest in the board? These FAQ's may point the way though bear in mind the regulations relate to the U.S.

Ethics

The St James Ethics Centre

http://www.ethics.org.au/things_to_read/articles_to_read/index.htm

This has a section entitled 'things to read'. Under the heading 'articles to read' there is a comprehensive listing of topic areas where you will find short, well written articles that pose thoughtful and useful questions relating to ethics in contemporary life and work. Well worth perusing.

See also the following sites and pages relating to Ethics:

http://www.managementhelp.org/np_progs/etx_mod/ethics.htm

<http://www.nonprofitethics.com/>

<http://www.mapnp.org/library/ethics/ethics.htm>

http://www.managementhelp.org/np_progs/ext_mod/ethics.htm

Leadership and Leadership Development

<http://www.ext.nodak.edu/extpubs/yf/leaddev/he497w.htm>

North Dakota University extension site has a very useful and easy to read 'chapter' on leadership for effective groups and developing leadership within groups. It also has some wonderful word images of what constitutes great leadership.

Free Management Library

<http://www.mapnp.org/library/ldrship/ldrship.htm>

Free Management Library

http://www.mapnp.org/library/ldr_dev/ldr_dev.htm

The Non Profit Center

<http://www.nonprofits.org/npofaq/keywords/2v.html>

Change and Organisational Development

Free Management Library

http://www.managementhelp.org/np_progs/org_dev.htm

http://www.mapnp.org/library/org_chng/org_chng.htm

Free Management Library

http://www.mapnp.org/library/grow_biz/grow_biz.htm

The Non Profit Center

<http://www.nonprofits.org/npofaq/17/48.html>

Effective Groups

<http://www.unce.unr.edu/publications/FS97/FS9726.htm>

gives an effective model of problem solving within groups emphasising brainstorming of causes and solutions.



<http://www.ext.nodak.edu/extpubs/yf/leaddev/he497w.htm>

<http://www.tms.com.au/tms10.html>

http://www.mapnp.org/library/grp_perf/grp_perf.htm

this Free Management Library page on group performance management has a nuts and bolts guide to leadership and supervision. Look out for the section 'Related links in the library'

http://www.mapnp.org/library/grp_skill/theory/theory.htm

the Free Management Library's section on developing effective groups. Very comprehensive with an emphasis on developing informal work groups

Fundraising (nonprofit)

http://www.mapnp.org/library/fndrsng/np_raise/np_raise.htm

Community Development and Community Education

Adult Learning Australia-

<http://www.ala.asn.au>

the ALA website has discussion forums related to community education and development, democracy, environmental education and learning leaders.

Personal Wellness

http://www.mapnp.org/library/prsn_wll/prsn_wll.htm