

# Asset-Based Community Development



**Start with gifts:**  
Assets & strengths, not deficits & needs, are the true building blocks of healthy communities.



**Build relationships:**  
Relationships are the core of flourishing communities of mutual support.



**Value Small:**  
Grassroots, resident-driven approaches that use stories as the basis for learning, sharing and acting for change.



**Nurture community-led action:** When people in a community act together, they demonstrate their own power and leadership towards positive change.



**Equity and justice:**  
ABCD fosters a world where all people thrive.



**Believe in possibility:** People in communities, even in extreme situations, can use their gifts to imagine ways to create change.

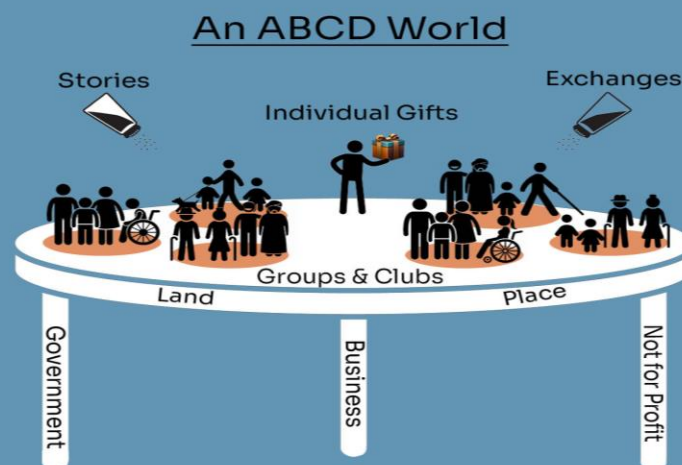


**Lead by stepping back:** ABCD shines a light on residents' power to contribute to and make decisions in their communities.



**Include Everyone:**  
ABCD does not just invite people to the table but builds a new table where everyone has a true place.

**Connectors uncover the resources:**  
gifts, skills, passions, knowledge of the community



**What can be brought together to perform community functions?**

1. As a community, what can we achieve by using our own assets?
2. What can we achieve with our own assets if we get some outside help?
3. What can't we do with our assets that must be done by outsiders?

**Nine community functions**

Inclusion	Local places & land	Celebrating
Safety	Enabling health	Local economies
Co-creating care	Raising children	Local food production