

**ABCD Festival Goa, India  
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**Community-driven Session**

## Open Space Technology



**Open Space Wicked Question:**

Question:

What topic, issue or question  
do I care enough about, to  
explore right now?

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Who:	Topic:	Gold:
Phillip	Leading by stepping back... how far back... the role of ABCD practitioner	<p>Find a role for everyone</p> <p>Changing the world one cup of coffee at a time</p> <p>Stepping forward and back... dance! ... might not know the steps</p>
Chris	Sri Lanka Project: how to get resources for projects in Sri Lanka	<p>Shared responsibility – Sri Lanka resources</p> <p>Social media – tell stories, recruit volunteers, publicity</p> <p>Links with other schools or people with the same interest e.g. Alumni</p>

Jennie	Community development? What are the other ways we can describe our work?	<p>Agree need for alternative because CD has been hijacked, we have CD fatigue, implies under-developed. But, we need shared understanding to describe work we do.</p> <p>Place and space making – to include communities beyond geographical or making places and spaces.</p> <p>Connecting, co-ordinating Act and advocate Facilitate Enable, enrich, empower</p>
Bill	How do we incorporate respect in all we do?	<p>Let things flow – allow to let it happen</p> <p>Listen/be present</p> <p>Have fun and humour</p>
Carolyn Vincent	How to maintain momentum in a community project	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Celebrate the wins – volunteers/using different ways</li> <li>2. Communicate the vision simply and consistently</li> <li>3. Keep it exciting! Themes, head heart hands, simple</li> </ol>
Helen	Using ABCD approaches to address sustainability issues	Communities have the ability to adopt holistic principles and practices and influence government policy
Galavizh	Where to start ABCD in large, complex, diverse urbanized regions?	Starting small, tapping into existing groups. Back to basics

		<p>Building trusting relationships</p> <p>Shifting mindset from being a provider to a partner</p>
Dave	ABCD in remote Aboriginal communities. Challenges, experiences and opportunities	<p>Think small</p> <p>Mapuru Arnhem weaves – respond to an idea</p> <p>Know your values and agenda – let go!</p>
Suzy	How can we better link the wisdom of older generations with younger people?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. breaking down barriers through art</li> <li>2. skills share – cooking, childcare computers</li> <li>3. co-living – affordable housing for younger people in aged care homes</li> </ol>
May	Empathy: how do we cultivate empathy with the ABCD approach? Is it important to cultivate empathy to community members?	<p>Re-inventing language – creating new narratives with empathy as the framework where balance of power in relationships and trusting relationships – starting right here</p> <p>Connectors – people who are moving from the heart</p> <p>Owning the spirituality of empathy</p>
Richard	What can we intentionally do to connect placemaking and ABCD?	<p>Community involvement – from the grassroots</p> <p>Raising funds to raise awareness – training</p>

		<p>ABCD asset mapping – physical assets</p> <p>Community already has rich assets – how do they connect</p>
Ron	How are ways you have used ABCD with youth?	<p>Pay my youth to engage with other projects/CBO's</p> <p>University of Awesome – 3<sup>rd</sup> age professors for 1<sup>st</sup> age people</p> <p>LISTEN and support instead of program e.g. school holidays</p>
Siobhan & Sarah	How can we better embed/consider gender in all that we do?	