Bank of I.D.E.A.S.
10 Key Community Development Beliefs

The starting point for all Bank of I.D.E.A.S. involvement is the following ten beliefs –

**BOI Belief 1.**
Meaningful and lasting community change always originates from within, and local residents/members in that community are the best experts on how to activate that change.

**BOI Belief 2.**
Community residents act responsibly when they care, and support what they create.

**BOI Belief 3.**
Building and nourishing relationships is at the core of building healthy and inclusive communities.

**BOI Belief 4.**
Communities have never been built by dwelling on their deficiencies, needs and problems. Communities respond creatively when the focus is on resources, capacities, strengths and aspirations.

**BOI Belief 5.**
The strength of a community is directly proportional to the level that the diversity of its residents/members desire, and are able to contribute their abilities and assets to the well being of their community. Every single person has capacities, abilities, gifts and ideas, and living a good life depends on whether those capacities can be used, abilities expressed, gifts given and ideas shared.

**BOI Belief 6.**
In every community something works. Instead of asking 'What's wrong, and how to fix it', ask- 'What's worked, and how do we get more of it?' It generates energy and creativity.

**BOI Belief 7.**
Creating positive change begins simply with conversation. It is the way that human beings have always thought together, and initiated action.

**BOI Belief 8.**
Positive community change is more about having fresh eyes, rather than implementing new developments.

**BOI Belief 9.**
The starting point for change is always mindset and positive attitudes.

**BOI Belief 10.**
The continual development of a diverse group of local leaders / community builders willing to give of their time, gifts and resources is an essential feature of a healthy community.