

FOREWORD FROM 2001

Welcome to another ACW community work skills manual packed with ideas and techniques for people seeking to involve others in their communities and groups in bringing about changes. I hope that you will all find something useful within this manual to help you with your community work.

This manual, like the two earlier ones, has been mainly written by practitioners, people who are working in their communities and know what might work and what doesn't! They were also willing and able to find the time to write it down to share with you. It isn't a comprehensive guide to everything you need to know to work effectively in the community, and inevitably there are gaps. We have updated some of the sections from the last manual where they were still relevant and important, but much of this manual is brand new, and covers different topics from the previous ones.

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After a long history and substantial contribution to the development of community work for well over a third of a century, ACW finally succumbed to financial pressures and closed at the end of 2005. The board of ACW made arrangements to ensure the future of the skills manual by passing it over to FCDL as the national organisation concerned with community development work learning. FCDL sold the remaining few printed copies of the skills manual, and has produced this CD in response to the continuing demand for the manual.

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Editor

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