

Finding the community in community led practice (CLP)

Modern day crisis events are transboundary reflecting tight coupling of societal systems. Complex, modern crises exceed the brief of emergency services.

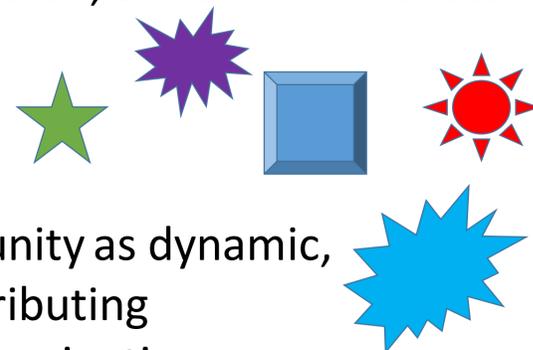
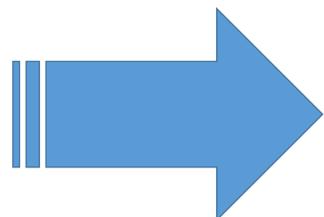
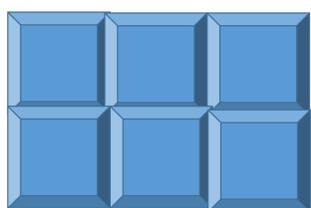
Novelty is a shared feature of 21st century crises. Communities have limited knowledge and less control over crisis events or the nature of assistance they receive toward recovery.



Communities affected by disasters can be marginalized and not recognized in their diversity or placed as less important than the interests of corporations or developers. CLP is then severely limited. Three early 21st century disasters show how neglected communities can be.

Deepwater Horizon gas explosion and oil leak Gulf of Mexico 2011 community as...	Foot & Mouth UK 2001 community as...	Qld floods 2008 community as...
Collateral damage	Recipients of bureaucratic processes	Second to private sector actors
Little community led practice observed. Communities as: passive; a distraction; or a problem.		

Without a definitive rethink of the current relationship between government and its population there can be very little, if any, CLP. Local community leaders can provide information about specific needs. Governments need the will to listen, the commitment to trust and ongoing respect for diversity within communities.



A view of community as dynamic, diverse and contributing towards self determination.

Current practice based on a generic community. One size solution expected to fit all.

What is needed...

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