

Community Development National Occupational Standards

Community development enables people to work collectively to bring about positive social change. This long term process starts from people's own experience and enables communities* to work together to:

- Identify their own needs and actions
- Take collective action using their strengths and resources
- Develop their confidence, skills and knowledge
- Challenge unequal power relationships
- Promote social justice, equality and inclusion

in order to improve the quality of their own lives, the communities in which they live and societies of which they are a part.

* Communities refer to those that can be defined by geography, identity or interest.

