

About Inspiring Communities:

Inspiring Communities was created in 2008 by a small group of passionate New Zealanders who believe that community-led development (CLD) is critical to New Zealand's future.

To support and strengthen the emerging community-led development movement in Aotearoa, Inspiring Communities focus on:

- Promoting: the understanding and practice of CLD and influencing systems change/public policies at all levels.
- Connecting: people, projects and places to share and showcase CLD ideas, knowledge, learning and experience.
- Learning: more about CLD, about how positive change is created, noticed and effectively captured, and continually sharing this to build capacity and strengthen wellbeing outcomes in local communities.
- Building: a sustainable and vital organisation, with a mixed source funding and earning base.

Community-led Development (CLD) is working together in place to create and achieve locally owned visions and goals. It's an approach that enables communities to make the most of all they've got, through:

- all sectors working together
- growing local leadership and ownership of change
- addressing opportunities & issues in creative new ways

Visit www.inspiringcommunities.org.nz for more information.

About *Learning by Doing: community-led change in Aotearoa, New Zealand*

- *Learning by Doing* was launched in 2013 at Te Papa in Wellington, to a crowd of 120+ community and agency leaders and change-makers by Inspiring Communities Chairperson David Hanna, and Wellington Mayor Celia Wade-Brown.
- *Learning by Doing* compiles learning, experience and results from CLD activities right across Aotearoa New Zealand - it's an essential 'how to' handbook for any community-developer.
- Jim Diers, an International Neighbourhoods Expert from Seattle says "*Learning by Doing* is a fantastic resource that helps to promote and provoke new ways of thinking and working together; not just here in New Zealand but internationally too. New Zealand is lucky to have an organisation like Inspiring Communities doing this great work".
- **Hard copies of *Learning by Doing* are available for purchase at [Inspiring Communities' website](http://www.inspiringcommunities.org.nz) for \$39.95 + postage and packaging.**

