

The Spiral Method: a community development workshop

NHT has invited Tina Lathouras and Peter Westoby from Queensland to present three regional community development workshops especially for our Neighbourhood House network. They have presented this training to House managers in Queensland, and Tina presented on the Spiral Method at the World Community Development Conference in Ireland in 2018. Peter was also a keynote speaker at the World CD Conference.

Don't miss out! [See the next page for dates, venues and booking details.](#)

These workshops are heavily subsidised by NHT through a Skills Tasmania grant, and are for House staff, board members and volunteers. They provide a great opportunity for Houses to come together to spend a winter's day immersed in community development discussions and training. The cost is only \$22 per person to cover catering.



So what is the Spiral Method?

The Spiral Model of Community Education is an approach developed by community development practitioners that helps groups do thinking that 'spirals' from personal experience to action.

It's a 'bottom up' process that enables people to tell their stories, to name issues, and with others do some thinking about why those issues are impacting on communities. Based on that collective thinking, groups form around strategies for action, they take action and then return to the bigger group to reflect on that action

About Tina and Peter:



Tina Lathouras is a senior lecturer in the Social Work program at the University of the Sunshine Coast, Queensland. She has had 30 years practice experience in the areas of community development, disability support and with peak bodies.



Peter Westoby is an Associate Professor in Social Science & Community Development at the School of Public Health & Social Work, Queensland University of Technology (QUT); a Visiting Professor at the Centre for Development Support, University of Free State, South Africa; and a Director with Community Praxis Cooperative.

It's not just about this workshop! Tina and Peter intend to create a special website to enable conversation and ideas to keep happening after the workshop, with follow up in 12 months' time. NHT has partnered with them as part of a research grant so this is also an opportunity for the community development work of Houses to contribute to, and be written up in, their research paper.

Don't miss this great opportunity to share in developing your CD skills and knowledge!!





Workshop details

South:

Date: Thursday 27th June 2019

Venue: NHT Hub, Derwent Park

Time: 9.30am – 3.30pm

Cost: \$22 per person (includes GST)

North:

Date: Monday 1st July 2019

Venue: Starting Point Neighbourhood House, Ravenswood

Time: 9.30am – 3.30pm

Cost: \$22 per person (includes GST)

North West:

Date: Tuesday 2nd July 2019

Venue: Ulverstone Neighbourhood House, Ulverstone

Time: 9.30am – 3.30pm

Cost: \$22 per person (includes GST)

Booking for each of the workshops is via the booking site Humanitix. The link to the site is on the NHT website, under the 'events' tab.

www.nht.org.au/events/training

