

# Community Development Seminar Series

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## Asset Based Community Development(ABCD) *Teaching, Stories and Experiences*

with

**Mary Nelson**

*Internationally respected, experienced ABCD leader*

Local ABCD projects will also be showcased

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2006**

**9.00 - 11.30am**

(9.00 Networking with a 9.30am start)

*Conference Room, 2nd Floor City of Melville Civic Centre  
Almondbury Road, Ardross*

**Mary Nelson** has spent the last 40 years working in church-based community development on the west side of Chicago, seeking to carry out the asset based community development principles in concrete ways through her leadership of the church organisation, Bethel New Life, Inc. Mary earned a MAT from Brown University and a PhD from Union Graduate School and has six honorary degrees. See next page for more biographical details and to find out about another training opportunity with Mary.....

**Who can come?** Open to everyone - community members, community development practitioners, researchers and policy makers

**Parking** off Almondbury Road and additional parking available via Davy Road Booragoon (follow signs for the library) and Garden City Shopping Centre

**No cost and no need to RSVP - just come along!**

*Come before to network with colleagues*

**More information** <http://cdswa.blogspot.com> or contact Cindy Gorton at [cindy@learningcentrelink.asn.au](mailto:cindy@learningcentrelink.asn.au)

**Rural access** This event will be recorded and available on DVD

### Seminar Partners

This seminar is part of the WA Community Development Seminar Series sponsored by:

- Learning Centre Link
- WA Department for Community Development
- Lotterywest
- WACOSS
- Social Work - UWA
- Telecentre Support Unit
- Melville City Council
- Alcoa Research Centre for Stronger Communities, Curtin Uni
- Federal Department of Family and Community Services; Indigenous Affairs
- Gosnells Community Legal Centre
- Community members-Jenni Ibrahim, Linda Rawlings and Myra Cake



## Mary Nelson

Mary earned a MAT from Brown University and a PhD from Union Graduate School and has six honorary degrees.

Mary's focus has been community based planning and development, and Bethel New Life, under her leadership, grew from an all-volunteer church organization to a community development corporation with pioneering efforts in creating jobs in community, in adaptive reuse of a former hospital campus into a major complex of services, jobs and cultural arts, and in developing over 1,000 units of affordable housing in a sustainable community context. Bethel has pioneered initiatives in energy efficient housing, sustainable community development, environmental justice (turning liabilities into opportunities), comprehensive community based continuum of care for elderly, and community building for violence reduction, welcoming formerly incarcerated back into the community, greening of the community and neighborhood associations. Bethel is highlighted internationally as an example of best practice in community and economic development.

Mary actively participates in city-wide, national and policy advocacy efforts. She is former chair of Mid American Leadership Foundation, Woodstock Institute and National Congress for Community Economic Development. She is on the faculty of the Asset Based Community Development Institute, North Park University and the Seminary Consortium for Urban Pastoral Education. She is on the Boards of Call to Renewal and Christian Community Development Association and Good City. She has also had a number of government appointments.

Mary's experience, rooted in the asset based community development approach, can help church congregations through inspiration, planning and development, and training in ABCD techniques and processes and through making connections with the hidden assets of their congregations and communities.

### Another Training Opportunity with Mary Nelson

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December interactive one day workshop

Check out **Bank of I.D.E.A.S.** website at [www.bankofideas.com.au](http://www.bankofideas.com.au) to find out more about this event, how to register and the costs involved.