GVI Online

Course syllabus

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Our Community Development course will allow you to explore what community development is, how local context impacts program development, best practice when engaging with and implementing community programs, and ethical considerations in community interventions.

Modules		Lessons	Learning objectives	
1.	Introduction to Community Development	• How Do You Define a Community? • What Is Community Development? • Community Engagement • What Is Sustainable Development? • Sustainable Development Goals	• Understand the different definitions of "community development" • Relate to differing opinions about what development means • Identify some of the successes and failures in community development	
2.	Understanding Local Context and Its Priorities	• Exploring "Who Am I?" • Your Role as a Development Practitioner • Cargo Cults and the South Pacific • The Danger of a Single Story • Explaining Neocolonialism	• Understand the importance of local context being at the centre of effective program design • Identify the competing economic, social and cultural factors that can define communities • Reflect on your own bias • Separate your lived experience from program design to focus on a community's priorities	
3.	How to Engage With Communities	• Fundamentals of Community Engagement • How to Ask Better Questions • Principles of Effective Engagement • Best Practices for Meaningful Community Engagement	• Identify strategies to engage communities in the initial planning stages of a program • Identify day-to-day principles to ensure long-term community engagement in your programs • Understand practical tips for facilitating ethical and inclusive community engagement.	

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4.	Ethics and Stakeholder Management	- Differing Expectations - The Problem With Funding Applications - Growing Your Impact - Theory of Change	- Identify key deliverables common to funders - Understand where conflict can occur between programs and reporting to donors - Recommend a range of techniques to ensure your program is managing differing expectations	
5.	Best Practices in Community Develop-ment	- How to Localise Aid and Development - Development in the Face of Complexity - Collective Impact - Human-Centred Design - Asset Based Community Development - In Action: Community Development	- Identify guiding principles that are integral to community development - Identify different approaches that you can use in community development - Complete an asset-based community development plan using a toolkit	

Distribution of learning effort

- Course total: 10 - 15 hours, self-paced.
- Per module: Average of 2 hours for videos, reading material, quizzes and engagement in the discussion forum.
- Final quiz-based assignment: Up to 1.5 hours to complete.

Your responsibility

You are expected to:

- complete your profile on Canvas with some background information on your areas of interest, work experience and/or educational qualifications and upload a profile picture
- master a series of modules that consist of readings, videos, presentations and notes
- undertake self-assessment quizzes at the end of each module to enhance your overall understanding of the content

- make at least one significant contribution to the discussion forum in each module (we define significant as something that adds a new perspective, provides input on resources and networks. or ask question
- complete the quiz-based course assignment at the end of the course.

Assessments

- You will only be graded on the final course assignment. This is a summative assessment that integrates learning from all the modules.
- You are required to participate in pre- and post-course surveys and contribute to the discussion forums.
- You will not be graded on the self-assessment quizzes at the end of each module. These are formative assessments.

Grading

- You will need to achieve a grade of 75% or higher on your final course assignment to pass the course and receive a certificate of completion.