

Summary of CDNet Survey of Community Development Workers November 2010

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List of organisations and positions (31 respondents)

Organisation	Position
ACT Down Syndrome Assn	
ACT Down Syndrome Association	Office Manager
ACT Health	CNC Self Management of Chronic Conditions
Advocacy for Inclusion	General Manager
Autism Asperger ACT	Autism Advisor
CDNet	Acting secretariat
Council on the Ageing	Community Education Manager, Council on the Ageing
Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services	Manager, Community Development Services
Equality Rights Alliance	Project Coordinator
hEART FOUNDATION	Heartmoves Coordinator ACT
Heart Foundation ACT	Planning/project management consultant
Home Help Service ACT	Operations Manager
Lifeline Canberra	Chief Executive Officer
Mental Health Community Coalition	Coordinator Transforming Perceptions
Mental Illness Education ACT - MIEACT	Executive Officer
Northside Community Service	Director of Strategic Development
Queanbeyan City Council	Community Development Officer
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SEE-Change	Executive Officer, SEE-Change
Shaw Possibilities	Client Service Coordinator
SHOUT and Optimal Outcomes	Administration officer Education officer Counsellor Training and facilitation
Snowy River Shire Council	Community Development Officer
Southside Community Services	Community Development and Family Support Worker
St Vincent De Paul	Director of Special Works
St Vincent de Paul Society	Coordinator
The Canberra & Queanbeyan ADD Support Group Inc	
Tuggeranong Arts Centre	Community Arts Officer
Volunteering ACT	Acting CEO
Woden Community Service	Program Manager, The Big Issue
Woden Community Service Inc	Community Development Manager
Youth Coalition of the ACT	Policy and Development Officer

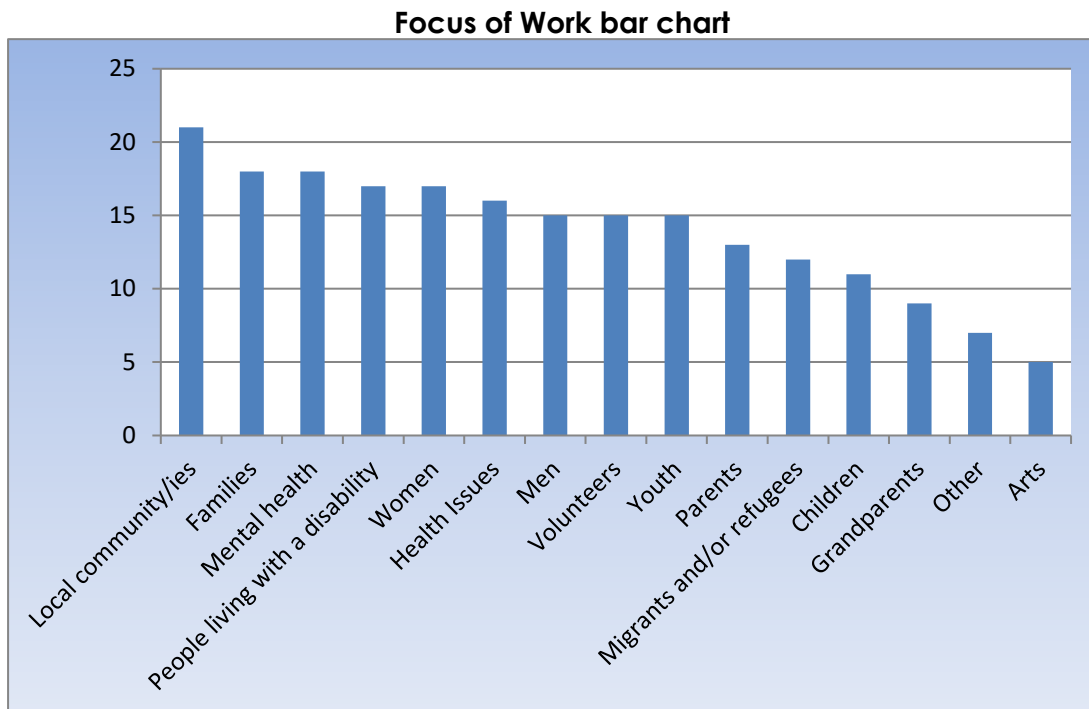
Interest in meeting with other workers & preferred format

Your interest in meeting with other community development workers from time to time?	Your preferred format for meeting with other community development workers?
I attend a number of networking forums throughout the community sector	
Networking	
Compare issues and concerns Gain ideas and training	2-3 hours with a focus and a facilitator and refreshments
On a case-by-case basis - The topic would need to be relevant. I'd be interested in looking at opportunities for peer supervision or mentoring.	A structured, focused meeting with a clear purpose (as opposed to just a networking opportunity).
All are potential clients - their interests are our interests. Also, a vital way of sharing CD related information and initiating future developments	As at present - a rotating venue and current format
Bi-monthly during the day	Bi-monthly during the day. BYO sandwich lunch seminar for an hour or a walking tour led by a community development worker to highlight certain issues
I already attend far too many meetings	Efficient, good agenda, valuable, targetted
Building greater inclusiveness in the sector, building a greater human rights structure to support this.	Email is good, but occasional fora are okay.
Community development programs especially to address needs that are Canberra wide	Face to face
Yes	Face to face
Yes	Face to face monthly
To exchange ideas and understanding of local communities and networks.	Face to face.
High	Forum or meeting
Occasionally	Informal meetings in a community space, preferably weekday and not between 4pm and 7pm.
Any activities that increase positive outcomes in the community by linking individuals and organisations working toward common ends.	Informal or formal
communicating information re Heartmoves and also connecting with community development workers	Informal, round table discussions
To share ideas and promote the program that I co-ordinate	Lunch time meeting Mon-Friday
Share experiences, learn from one another, support/advice	Meetings
It would be great to network with other community workers	Meetings as opposed to social
Moderate - quarterly.	Moderate - quarterly. Forum, interagency
I am open to this but not sure how they will feel about us - have had negativity and ignorance about ADHD in the past	Not sure
Sharing ideas and strategies	Occasional, daytime,
Yes, to network, share contacts and develop ideas	Quarterly forum
Great idea!	Regular meetings as well as on online forum for discussion as needed
Share ideas	Regular meetings for those of us in the

	broader region probably won't be practical but it might be good to organise something maybe once per year with a regional focus?
Exchange ideas	Short afternoon catchup/cuppa
By meeting with other CD workers I become better informed for my own PD and for the benefit of the people I work with.	Sitting around and chatting over lunch.
Via email	Via email

Focus of work

	Response Percent	Response Count
Local community/ies	77.8%	21
Families	66.7%	18
Mental health	66.7%	18
People living with a disability	63.0%	17
Women	63.0%	17
Health Issues	59.3%	16
Men	55.6%	15
Volunteers	55.6%	15
Youth	55.6%	15
Parents	48.1%	13
Migrants and/or refugees	44.4%	12
Children	40.7%	11
Grandparents	33.3%	9
Arts	18.5%	5
Other		7



Please describe in your own words the main focus of your community work

- Advocacy for people with disabilities, includes self advocacy training and building structures which include the voice of people with disabilities through a human rights framework
- Communication technology - support work for admin staff & email list management
- Community advocacy and political lobbying
- Community Education and activism for sustainability
- Coordinate the efficient delivery of quality Client Services, to provide training to the support workers who are working with people with multiple disabilities on behalf of Shaw Possibilities.
- Coordinating CDNet activities
- Everyone except youth and ATSI community
- Homelessness, Mental Health, Education, Poverty
- Information and support as well as Secretary and Treasurer
- Liaise with people living in the Inner South of Canberra and to bring the services and programs they want and need to them.

- Lifeline Canberra provides a 24 hour crisis support line and suicide intervention service, EAP to organisations, community training and Youth support services and Gambling Care and support services.
- Passionate about community education focusing on Autism and related disabilities as well as creating optimal life outcomes for all people with disabilities and their families.
- People diagnosed with a mental illness who are socially isolated and lonely and are matched with a caring compassionate volunteer for peer support and encourage appreciation of community.
- Policy and sector development in youth affairs (young people aged 12 - 25 years and those who work with them).
- Providing a range of in home support services to the frail aged the disabled and their carer's within the ACT
- Recruiting volunteers and training them to deliver one hour information sessions to groups in Canberra and the surrounding region on ageing healthfully.
- Recruiting, training and supporting mental health consumers and carers to deliver their personal stories for mental health promotion and stigma reduction
- Reduction of stigma around mental illness and the promotion of mental health, particularly in multicultural communities.
- Starting up and overseeing Heartmoves exercise programs in the ACT
- Strategic planning and community development
- Strengthening the social fabric through events and information sharing, creating places such as community gardens where people exchange knowledge and gain a greater sense of control, promoting sustainable ways of urban living by demonstrating the value of long-term cultural change
- Sustainability, reducing environmental footprints
- To facilitate community development activities within the Woden Valley that encourages people to develop connections and participate within their local community.
- Volunteer recruiting and training
- Working with community groups to build their capacity and to implement projects. Sourcing funding and providing project guidance and support.
- Working with the vendors who sell The Big Issue (people who are marginalised or disadvantaged through homelessness, mental health issues, disability or other).

Paid, voluntary or mixed work

	Response Percent	Response Count
Paid	77.8%	21
A mix of both paid and voluntary	18.5%	5
Voluntary	3.7%	1

Part time or full time work

	Response Percent	Response Count
Full time	51.9%	14
20-30 hours a week	29.6%	8
10 to 20 hours a week	14.8%	4
Under 10 hours a week	3.7%	1

Part time or full time work pie chart

