



## A LITTLE BIT ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS...

### Morning Workshops

**Workshop one:** How to work with others to build a shared sense of purpose and foster commitment Catherine Wanjohi, Life Bloom Services International, Kenya

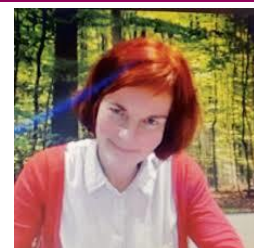
**CATHERINE MUMBI WANJOHI** is an Executive, team and life coach, with extensive experience of more than 17 years in corporate, nonprofit organization and individual leadership coaching. Since 2004, she has worked as CEO Life Bloom Services International (LBSI) Kenya, a not-for-profit organization she co-founded, raising it to building strategic partnerships across the globe. LBSI works among the marginalized populations bringing them in for inclusivity and participation. Catherine coaches many organizations staff for inclusivity and participation in the organization leadership.



She is also Vice President and Director for Sub Saharan Africa with the International Association for Community Development (IACD).

**Workshop two:** Building respect and trust, Karin Eyben, Garvagh Peoples Forest

**Karin Eyben** is an experienced community organizer in Northern Ireland with particular skills in community building enabling social change, creative citizen engagement approaches, including participatory budgeting, partnership work and teambuilding and the support & management of volunteers. Karin currently works part of the time for the Garvagh People's Forest Project as well as working as an independent facilitator.



**Workshop three:** Strengthening collaborative working & collaborative decision making - Michelle Dunscombe, Firefoxes Australia

**Michelle Dunscombe**, is an Asset Based Community-Led Development consultant, facilitator and trainer with the Jeder Institute (pronounced Yay-der) from Melbourne, Australia.



Michelle lives in rural Victoria, Australia and is an enthusiastic community development practitioner, facilitator and trainer. She is passionate about strengthening regional and rural communities,

developing community leadership, building community resilience and supporting community members to act.

Michelle is a Fairley Fellow, a Coady Institute graduate, Chair of Firefoxes Australia, a board member of ABCD Asia Pacific, an ABCD Institute Faculty member, and member of the International Association for Community Development (IACD) with a wealth of experience working with communities.

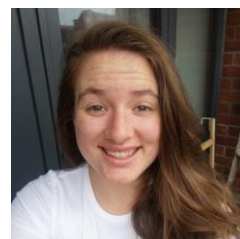
Firefoxes Australia brings women together to give them a voice, support them to explore possibilities & is all about fostering a better connected & resilient community. Firefoxes Australia's purpose is to create a nurturing environment which encourages women to embrace and realise their dreams.

#### **Workshop four: 'Influencing from the Ground Up – using community building to influence local government and institutions' - Gloucester Community Building Collective**

**Rich Holmes** is Executive Director. He has held senior roles in both the charity sector and local government working in education and community development. He is a highly skilled trainer and strategist in nurturing community driven social change. He is passionate about Asset Based Community Development and holds a strong belief in the power of connection and community and the need to build a society in which we all care for each other.



**Matt Williams** is a Community Builder. He enjoys working with people and seeing them be encouraged to show their gifts and use their talents where they live. He has worked in various areas of Gloucester always with the same mindset to see people reach their potential.



**Rae Bell** is a Community Builder working in partnership with **We Can Move** in Barton and Tredworth. With a passion for communities doing things for themselves, Rae loves to encourage individuals to find their gifts and see where that leads them.

## **Afternoon Speakers**

#### **Workshop one: How to work with others to build a shared sense of purpose and foster commitment - Kerry Melville, Belfast Food Network**

**Kerry** is a Sustainability Consultant and coordinates the Belfast Food Network. She has previously worked with a number of regeneration organisations in Belfast and England. Kerry also coordinates the Sustainable Food Places movement. Belfast Food Network aims to make healthy and sustainable food a defining characteristic of a city, using it to address some of today's most pressing social, economic and environmental problems including dietary health, food poverty and climate change. In 2014, Belfast was selected as one of just six cities in the UK to share in one million pounds of funding to be invested in improving food culture and support its efforts to become a Sustainable Food City. The movement has recently refocused and changed its name to Sustainable Food Places. In light of this, a range of initiatives are now rolling out across Northern Ireland.



## Workshop two: Building respect and trust, Kate Clifford, Rural Community Network

**Kate Clifford** has been Director of the Rural Community Network NI since April 2013 having previously worked as within the Rural Enabler Programme working the Orange Order, the GAA, Churches and others to address issues of sectarianism and racism.

Kate's background is in Agricultural Economics and Management and Rural Development. She has a strong background in creative thinking techniques, facilitation skills, research techniques, and supporting groups in the areas of project development and implementation.

In the past, Kate has been a mentor for the International Fund for Ireland's Community Leadership Programme and was Vice Chair of Rural Community Network, she was part of the DARD Monitoring Committee for the Rural Development Programme 2007-2013, a member of CFNI's Communities in Transition Team and their Supporting Communities Initiative.

## Workshop three: Communication for collaboration (externally with other agencies and communities) David Quinney-Mee and Michael Cecil, Rathlin Community Development Association

**Michael Cecil**, OBE: Chair of Rathlin Development & Community Association (RDCA), skipper & motorman on Rathlin Ferries, volunteer First Responder; former volunteer with Fire & Rescue Service (Rathlin), former Chair of Refugee Rescue, (Belfast Charity working on Lesbos, Greece). Michael was awarded the OBE for services to community development.

**David Quinney Mee**: Community development worker on Rathlin Island, formerly Minister of Religion, worked with communities and churches in El Salvador and with the Corrymeela Community, Northern Ireland.



## Workshop four: 'How to influence for positive effect - "What works in civic engagement"' - Dr Claire Bynner, University of Glasgow

**Dr Claire Bynner** is a Research Fellow in Public Policy at the University of Glasgow. She combines research expertise on urban policy, neighbourhoods and community cohesion with a professional background in the field of public participation and local governance. For her PhD, Claire examined social contact and trust in a super-diverse neighbourhood in Glasgow. She then worked for What Works Scotland, where she researched public service reform, facilitation, knowledge mobilisation and collaborative governance. Claire currently leads the research team for Children's Neighbourhoods Scotland, a place-based approach to reducing child poverty in Scotland. Her recent research examines local service responses and collaboration during the COVID-19 pandemic.

