Work with customers and groups to develop the community



Overview

This standard covers the competencies required for promoting greater customer involvement in the development and regeneration of the local community.

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Performance criteria

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- P1 establish working relationships with existing community based groups, networks and organisations
- P2 evaluate current participation and identify opportunities for further activity
- P3 identify suitable methods of promoting community involvement with customers based on their needs and abilities
- P4 promote the benefits of greater community involvement
- P5 encourage customers to become involved in, and support, existing associations and networks
- P6 identify any barriers preventing customers becoming involved in the community and work with customers to minimise these barriers
- P7 present customers with realistic options for community involvement
- P8 support effective links between community organisations
- P9 manage disputes and/or differences of opinion in ways which minimise offence, maintain respect and provide positive outcomes
- P10 create and organise community activities which contribute to the regeneration of the community
- P11 assist customers and others in establishing and managing activities which meet the needs of the community
- P12 liaise with customers and relevant groups, organisations and agencies to identify the potential for new associations and activities to be developed
- P13 monitor the outcomes of local activity and use the results to inform future development

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 how to communicate and work collaboratively with your customers and other organisations
- K2 how to identify and agree your organisation's role in establishing new associations and networks
- K3 operational constraints on the types and levels of support which you can provide
- K4 organisational policies, procedures, legal requirements and arrangements covering any collaborative work undertaken with external agencies
- K5 the range, functions, responsibilities and values of relevant organisations and groups operating within the local community
- K6 the range of opportunities for greater community involvement
- K7 how to work with other organisations in the setting and achieving of targets
- K8 how to monitor and measure the effectiveness of the support you provide
- K9 the importance of community consultation and methods to achieve this
- K10 the importance of democratic and participatory practice and what it means in community development work
- K11 the strengths and weaknesses of available consultation methods
- K12 how to assist with and facilitate consultation with the community
- K13 the principles and practice of equality and diversity, awareness of different cultural and religious requirements
- K14 methods of establishing and responding to needs, opportunities, rights and responsibilities
- K15 methods and techniques for involving people with different perspectives and a variety of support needs
- K16 the importance of confidentiality and personal safety in the gathering of information
- K17 the importance and value of community groups/networks participating in, and taking responsibility for, their own development
- K18 the value of consensus and agreement in community groups, taking account of all group members
- K19 how to support customers as they become more involved in the community
- K20 the need for customer associations and networks to be self-sustaining in the longer term

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