



## Deepening the Practice of Asset Based Community Development

*September 10-12, 2009*

Chicago, IL

**Our communities are in crisis...**

Now more than ever communities need to mobilize the strengths and resources they already have to address the challenges of these uncertain economic times.

The *Deepening the Practice of Asset Based Community Development* learning event brings together experts, organizers and other practitioners in the field of community development for three days of workshops covering a wide range of issues including: Engaging your community; building partnerships; discovering what people care about enough to act; hosting meaningful conversations; the role of agencies & institutions in community building; ABCD for social inclusion and Asset mapping & beyond.

See you in Chicago!



*Featuring:*

**Jody Kretzmann**

**John McKnight**

**Deb Puntenney &**

**Mike Green**

## Registration Form

Register Online at [www.thecommuniverse.com](http://www.thecommuniverse.com)

The cost for this learning event is \$495, which includes breakfast & lunch on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday (dinners are on your own), one networking event on Thursday evening, and training materials. Please pay via Paypal or with a check payable to CommUniversity.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I have booked my room Yes No

I plan to attend the free Thursday networking event (TBD) Yes No

Special Dietary Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Topics/specific areas of interest for this learning event: \_\_\_\_\_

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Method of payment (check, paypal, etc.):

Please mail your check, along with this registration form, to:

**CommUniversity**  
**1425 N. Dearborn, Suite 1B**  
**Chicago, IL 60610**

Registration forms can also be faxed to 847.467.4140

*Checks must be received 30 days prior to the event to reserve your spot.*

## Event Outline

### Thursday, September 10

8:00 AM	-	9:30 AM	Registration & Breakfast
9:30 AM	-	10:00 AM	Introductions & Welcome
10:00 AM	-	11:00 AM	Keynote Address
11:00 AM	-	1:00 PM	Workshop #1
1:00 PM	-	1:45 PM	Lunch
1:45 PM	-	3:15 PM	Workshop #2
3:15 PM	-	3:30 PM	Break
3:30 PM	-	5:00 PM	Workshop #3
		5:30 PM	Networking Event

### Friday, September 11

8:00 AM	-	9:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM	-	10:00 AM	Keynote Address
10:00 AM	-	11:30 AM	Workshop #4
11:30 AM	-	1:00 PM	Lunch with Panel
1:00 PM	-	3:30 PM	Workshop #5
3:30 PM	-	3:45 PM	Refreshment Break
3:45 PM	-	5:15 PM	Workshop #6

### Saturday, September 12

8:00 AM	-	9:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM	-	11:00 AM	Workshop #7
11:00 AM	-	11:30 AM	Check-out Break
11:30 AM	-	1:30 PM	Lunch with Roundtable
1:30 PM	-	2:00 PM	Evaluation & Closing

The curriculum for this event will be customized for the participants, please indicate on your registration what topics you would find most relevant to the work you are doing and any other questions you might have regarding ABCD. A more detailed curriculum, including workshop descriptions, will become available as the event approaches.

## Travel Information

Participants are responsible for the costs associated with travel and accommodations.

### Hotel Accommodations

A block of sleeping rooms at the Club Quarters, 111 W Adams St., has been set aside for registrants at a special rate:

#### *Standard Room (1 queen bed):*

Wednesday and Thursday: \$154.00/night

Friday and Saturday: \$87.00/night

#### *Club Room (1 full bed):*

Wednesday and Thursday: \$139.00/night

Friday and Saturday: \$77.00/night

Make your reservations before July 30<sup>th</sup> by calling the hotel directly at (312) 575-0006, please identify yourselves as being with Northwestern University, use group code: **NWU910**. Please note there is a \$15.00 per extra person per room. City of Chicago hotel tax is 15.4%

### Meals

Breakfast and lunch are provided all three days. Dinner is on your own. There will be one networking/social event on Thursday evening, which is being arranged and is included in the cost of the learning event. Please indicate on your registration any special dietary concerns.

### Ground Transportation

The Club Quarters is located in the heart of downtown Chicago, near the Willis (Sears) Tower, and just steps from Michigan Avenue, Millennium Park and Lake Michigan. Taxi service from either O'Hare International Airport or Midway Airport will cost approximately \$40 (single occupancy), depending on which airport and the time of day (rush hour could be significantly more). We suggest you opt for public transportation, which is quick, easy and only costs \$2.25. Visit: [www.transitchicago.com](http://www.transitchicago.com) for system maps and other information.

### Climate/Dress Code

In early September, the average high temperature in Chicago is 76° with an average low of 56°. The recommended dress code is business casual, however, please keep in mind that personal comfort ranges vary, and meeting rooms tend to be chilly, so please bring a jacket or sweater.

### Chicago Information

For general city info, please visit: <http://www.explorechicago.org/city/en.html>

The 13th annual Celtic Festival will take place on September 12 and 13 from 11:00 am until 9:30 pm in Grant Park. <http://www.chicagofestivals.net/>