

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL WORK COURSES

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The need to develop sustainable communities is increasingly important all over the world. To make sustainable development possible, people and organizations within communities must understand and appreciate the factors that influence their own lives and the lives of people around them. The ABMA recognizes the need for skilled individuals within communities and here we look at an ABMA course specifically designed to prepare students for a career in Community Development.

Community Development is one of the most popular courses on offer from the ABMA and its popularity continues to grow. The course is designed not only to provide the student with specific knowledge but to prepare them for the issues they will face when they begin their career. In order to help develop the local community, it is essential to understand the importance of teamwork in order to achieve common goals. It is also important for members of the community to have a platform from which individuals can express their opinions on the factors that shape and influence their lives. With units from Social Work, Community Welfare and Community Empowerment as well as Crisis Management, students can rest assured that they are obtaining all the necessary knowledge they need to succeed in a career in Community development.



Community development (CD), informally called community building, is a broad term applied to the practices and academic disciplines of civic leaders, activists, involved citizens and professionals to improve various aspects of local communities. Community development seeks to empower individuals and groups of people by providing these groups with the skills they need to effect change in their own communities. These skills are often concentrated around building political power through the formation of large social groups working for a common agenda. Community developers must understand both how to work with individuals and how to affect communities' positions within the context of larger social institutions.

There are complementary definitions of community development. The Community Development Challenge report, which was produced by a working party comprising leading UK organizations in the field (including Community Development Foundation, Community Development Exchange and the Federation of Community Development Learning) defines community development as "A set of values and practices which plays a special role in overcoming poverty and disadvantage, knitting society together at the grass roots and deepening democracy. There is a CD profession, defined by national occupational standards and a body of theory and experience going back the best part of a century.



Community Development Exchange defines community development as: "The process of developing active and sustainable communities based on social justice and mutual respect. It is about influencing power structures to remove the barriers that prevent people from participating in the issues that affect their lives. Community workers (officers) facilitate the participation of people in this process. They enable connections to be made between communities and with the development of wider policies and programmes. Community Development expresses values of fairness, equality, accountability, opportunity, choice, participation, mutuality, reciprocity and continuous learning. Educating, enabling and empowering are at the core of Community Development.

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As an international examinations board with a wealth of experience, in both further education and the job market, we understand that education is not simply the writing of an exam and the achievement of a grade. Rather, as the world continues to expand and the variety of employment opportunities increases and the host of skills that can be learnt is constantly developing, choosing in which direction you want your career to go is a daunting but also exciting prospect.

We understand the importance of both relevancy and recognition when it comes to your schooling and as an examination board, supported in this understanding by both further education establishments and industry, the ABMA has all the experience and understanding needed to help put you on the road to success. The ABMA recognizes the need for skilled individuals within communities and here we look at an ABMA course specifically designed to prepare students for a career in Community Development. Community Development is one of the most popular courses on offer from the ABMA and its popularity continues to grow. The course is designed not only to provide the student with specific knowledge but to prepare them for the issues they will face when they begin their career.

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Diploma 1 in Community Development

DIPLOMA 1

1. Community Development
2. Gender Issues
3. Social Work and Community Welfare
4. Human Growth and Development
5. Dissertation
 - Written Project of No More Than 4,000 Words
 - Project Should Incorporate Principles Learned in the 4 Units Above
 - Project Should Focus on a Business Model Studied as Part of the ABMA Course
 - Local Case Studies are Acceptable and are to be Encouraged

Diploma 2 in Community Development

DIPLOMA 2

- 1. Community Healthy**
- 2. Sociology**
- 3. Project Management and Logistics**
- 4. Community Empowerment**
- 5. Dissertation**
 - Written Project of No More Than 6,000 Words
 - Project Should Incorporate Principles Learned in the 4 Units Above
 - Project Should Focus on a Business Model Studied as Part of the ABMA Course
 - Local Case Studies are Acceptable and are to be Encouraged

Diploma 3 in Community Development

DIPLOMA 3

- 1. Micro-Finance**
- 2. Crisis Management**
- 3. Entrepreneurship**
- 4. Criminology**
- 5. Dissertation**
 - Written Project of No More Than 8,000 Words
 - Project Should Incorporate Principles Learned in the 4 Units Above
 - Project Should Focus on a Business Model Studied as Part of the ABMA Course
 - Local Case Studies are Acceptable and are to be Encouraged