

Community Networking Fact Sheet

In this seminar, we invite you to develop network with designers and community organizations in Hong Kong. This fact-sheet provides brief information of the four NGOs we have arranged for your visit. Initially identifying themselves as social services organizations, all of them have recently taken bold steps to experiment with new approaches in their community endeavors. Here, we invite you to take note of our "community resources", and possibly, developing insights as to how creative partnerships may be established in the days to come.



Hong Kong Association's for Democracy and People's Livelihood Social Service Centre

Established in 2002, ADPLSSC provides services helping the old, disabilities and grassroots to develop a sense of self-reliance and hence improving quality of life in the community. Through participating in the community, they can build up their sense of belonging and mutual support system.



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Community Projects :

ADPL Sam Hong Workers Employment support Centre

ADPL Sam Hong Workers Mutual Aid Engineering Ltd.

The Company was formed by the Support Center and Sam Hong workers in 2002 due to the down turn of property market and which had lead to the rise of unemployment of Sam Hong workers. Benefited from the social network of the Support Centre, the company contracts services for private and commercial projects. The company has also formed a volunteer team to serve the poor and disabled in the community.

Eco-Recycle Project

Source Separation of Domestic Waste

The project encourages residents who live in old buildings to separate the domestic waste and collect them for recycling. The Centre contacts the recycling company to collect reusable materials.

Needlework Cell Group

The purpose of the Cell is to equip lower class housewives with sewing skills so that they can participate in community economy and to rebuild their social network and self identity.

Two designers from "Dialog Fashion" found ADPL's Needlework Cell Group and team up with them to make bags using recycled fabrics.

"We have been very busy developing a recycled fabric trimming and designing accessory ideas with them. It is exciting to see new ideas come to life with this concept, creating a very original line of bags. At the moment two groups are creating the trimming- A women's empowerment programme of ADPL Sustainable Renewal in Sham Shui Po, the garment district of Hong Kong. (www.sustainssp.org.hk). The women here are very enthusiastic and have great sewing skills because they used to work in factories, which have now moved to China. "
(<http://hopetees.blogspot.com/>)



聖雅各福群會社區發展服務
St. James' Settlement
Community Development Services



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Community Development Services

Established in 1987, The Community Development Services (CDS) is primarily concerned with encouraging people to participate in issues that affect their lives with a view to develop vibrant and sustainable communities. Through participation in a series of activities and networking groups, CDS ultimately endeavours to strengthen community and to build up a caring, just and harmonious society.

Community Projects :

Community Oriented Mutual Economy

COME

Time Coupon System :

Time Coupons are earned based on amount of labour time provided (1 hr.= 60 unit of time coupon). Participants receive time coupons that can be exchanged for goods and services in :



Cultivation of Coral Mushroom

COME Shop :

Shops where residents can buy or exchange goods and services on a daily basis. Time coupons can be used as real money to buy goods like:



Green Shop Project :

Where residents learn to cultivate Coral Mushroom and to sell them in the community, this help to improve living and also promote organic living. e.g. tofu made of organic beans.

Wanchai Livelihood Place

Public Exhibition :

To display real-life stories, culture, history, customs of the Wan Chai community in "Blue House" and
sells provides

Souvenirs :

Community members are invited to design and make souvenirs, including postcards, cloth bags on historic and cultural landmarks.

Community Cultural Tour :

Training is offered to long-time local residents to become tour guides leading tours of Wan Chai for students and interested individuals.

COOP Business

Maintenance Worker Coop :

is formed by Sam Hon workers to work on commercial projects and also help those underprivileged in the community.

Snack bar Coop :

is formed by grass root residents to sell snacks and drinks for members of St. James' Settlement Community Center.



Museum: Blue House



Bags made from recycled clothes



Local resident as tour guides



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Industrial Relations Institute



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Introduction of IRI

Established in 1968, IRI focus on the right of underprivileged workers and help to affirm their values in society. As the economic structure changed in the 1990's, many skilled women factory workers were being laid off and could not share the benefit of social development. Under the programs launched by IRI, they actively engage in social economy and develop cooperative relationship with the community members.

Community Projects :

Prosumer Cooperative Community P C C

Community Currency (FA, which means "flower") System:

Community currency (FA), being introduced on 5.1 Labour Day 2004, highlighting the social value of production and consumption, the reciprocity and mutual help of the community. FA is also a medium for exchange of goods and services among the members who participate in the whole system.



Women Workers Cooperative

Women Workers Cooperative was formed by a group of entrenched garment women workers and other grassroots women workers. They have been actively engaging in daily operation, management and planning of the Community Recycling Coop and the social economy system. Besides, they are also responsible to organize community members and for the general public, promoting grassroots participation and in it's community economy.

UnionMart

To counter the consuming culture induced by dominant supermarkets, UnionMart was open in Shamshuipo in 2004 for members to purchase groceries at reasonable price. Community currency (FA), being earned by community members from consumption or production in the community economic system, can be fully exchanged for food or daily necessities in the UnionMart. Surplus will go to the enduring development of the community.

People's Workshop

It is a brand-name representing healthy, eco and cultural products being developed through employing the skills and creativity of the grassroots workers in the community. The cultural product, "mini sandbags" represent a traditional kid-play and recognition of the sewing and hand craft of the women workers. Members can earn the community currency (FA) by making the products.



Low Income Family Mutual Help Network

Women from low income families come together to form a mutual help network, sharing their joys and suffering in life, participating in the Community Recycling Coop or serving the elderly in the community so as to earn subsidies and community currency(FA). This helps to support their social network and build up their self-confidence.

Community Recycling Coop

All reusable items were being donated and sold at low price in the CRC. Holding belief of resources reallocation and saving environment, the first CRC was open in 2002 in Shamshuipo and gained popularity among different social groups. The donors and customers, being registered as CRC member, can get 10 percent of the sales amount of the second hand goods in terms of community currency(FA). This helps to encourage and sustain the economy community.



香港小童群益會

The Boy's and Girl's Clubs Association of Hong Kong



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Jockey Club Cheung Sha Wan Children and Youth Integrated Centre

Established in Oct 1993, the Integrated Centre aims at addressing the needs of children/youth at age between 6 to 35 and their parents in Hong Kong. In recent year, the Centre works its best to ensure they are not deprived because of poverty. This is by means of offering a wide range of services to help them attain moral, intellectual, physical, social and aesthetic development.

Community Youth Projects (in Shamshuipo) :

Community Cultural Development Workshops :

The program aim at connecting youth with the Community : Via exploring the Community that they resides. Teenagers will be facilitated to build up their connectedness with the community. In the process, they will also go through a process of self-discovery and the discovery of others' life experience.

Career Development Workshops

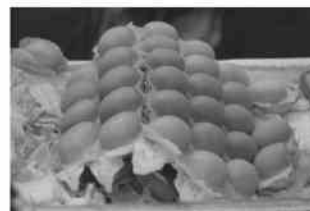
Programs aim at helping teenagers who are either of low academic background, or for personal reasons that remain trapped in a cycle of unemployment. By providing training workshops, those teenagers will be guided to explore their interest, talent, and eventually helping themselves to develop a purpose in life.

Exposure workshops : Apart from basic potential building training, participants will learn necessary skills from professionals and local craftsman to develop their ability in handling "real tasks".

Cultural product design / local traditional snack



Gift Bookmarks production : developing theme for bookmark design through searching the history and local culture of Shamshuipo, they learn how to do artwork for printing.



Making "egg balls": Learning how to make traditional street snacks.



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