

Community

Strong communities build trust, sharing, and social capital, whilst helping to reduce our environmental impact. Yet many of us don't even know our neighbours, and some feel unsafe in their own homes.

Question: How do we build community, resilience, and social capital in Canberra?

Strengths

- Our people
- Small city, local connectedness (especially in times of need).
- Community gardens
- Size and connectedness to nature
- Good infrastructure for community activities
- Active lifestyles
- Community progressiveness
- Housing – common ground homeless. Housing for low incomes
- Civic groups
- Highly educated
- Sense of safety
- Buy nothing/ freecycle
- Raise awareness of each regions community council and willingness of government to address community concerns
- Neighbourhood watch
- Common goals – promote connections, sharing of skills, knowledge, buy-in
- Engagement that promotes inclusion
- Educating the next generation in how to engage in their community
- Promote safe neighbourhoods
- Community service action groups
- Welcoming new residents into your street
- Opportunities to generate new ideas for how to promote inter-generational involvement
- Promoting small changes to promote a snowball effect eg street by street
- Communication across communities using a variety of methods

Ideas

- Community financing of communal projects

- Opportunities for investment in community
- Re-localise economy
- Build social capital
- Transition streets
- Get to know your neighbours
- Recognition of the weekend
- Less time at work
- Ban advertising
- Local currency to build local economy
- More spaces for public art
- More public spaces for play
- Slower environments
- Repair cafes
- Focus on what is strong