

Draft Timetable of the Macksville Education for Community Capacity-Building Workshop

Thursday 11 August 2005

Please note: This is a suggested timetable only; the exact timing, emphasis, content and activities will be negotiated and adapted as the workshop evolves, to ensure that local issues and participant aspirations are catered for.

9.00 – 9.30am: Coffee, welcome and introductions

9.30 – 10.00am: **Negotiating the context:**

- Negotiating the timetable for the day
- What do you really love about living in the Macksville area?
- What's missing in Macksville? What would you like to change?
- Who's missing out? Who's not involved in the broader community?

10.00 – 11.15am: **In Macksville where do people learn:**

- to get paid work
- speak out and/or be actively involved in researching and addressing issues and challenges
- enhance their physical and mental health
- pursue interests and build relationships.

In other words, where does learning for community capacity building in Macksville take place?

11.15 – 11.45: Coffee/tea/stretch/unwind

11.45 – 1.00pm: **Needs-based versus strengths-based education**

- Banking education and popular education
- Community-based learning and research possibilities in Macksville
- Popular education in Macksville

1.00 – 2.00 pm: Lunch

2.00 – 3.00pm: **Education for social capital in Macksville**

- What is social capital?
- How can it be strengthened in Macksville?
- What role do educators have to strengthen social capital?

3.00 – 3.30: Coffee/tea/stretch

3.30 – 4.30pm: **Let's dream a little**

- What would you like the Macksville area to look and feel like in 2025?
- What are the key principles under-pinning our dreams?

(5.30 – 6.30 pm: Discussion about the **Adult Learning & Teaching** course at the local pub – optional)

6.30pm: dinner

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- 9am – 9.45am **How can we make these dreams come true?**
- Who are the key local players?
 - What key local resources do we have?
 - Who are potential partners and allies?
 - What outside people and resources might help us?
 - What projects would help us work together towards these dreams?

- 9.45am – 10.45 am: **Strengthening partnerships between TAFE, ACE, schools and community capacity building initiatives:**
- What are the current partnerships?
 - How might partnerships be strengthened?

10.45 - 11.15: Coffee/tea/stretch/unwind

- 11.15 – 12.30pm **Education for community and individual advancement**
- Are there untapped 'educational' resources in Macksville?
 - Paulo Friere in Macksville

12.30 – 1.30 pm: Lunch

- 1.30 – 2.30pm: **Long-term strategic planning in a local community**
- Examine one potential framework
 - Does it work for the projects we have in mind?
 - How can we measure how we are going?

- 2.30 – 3.30pm: **Where to from here?**
- How can we make these ideas work?
 - How can we sustain our energy and commitment?
 - How can we support each other?
 - How can we redefine our jobs and/or roles to make time for our involvement in these projects?
 - Who will do what by when?

The emphasis of the workshops will be practical, including analysis of a range of successful community capacity-building projects, both local and from elsewhere, with the aim of planning short and long-term projects to achieve the goals agreed upon by participants.

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