

GUIDESHEET

12 Domains of People Powered Change



History has shown that one of the consequences of modern post industrial society has been the growth in public services and the over-reliance on those services and on professionals within them, to provide and produce aspects of life such as health and well being, that people and communities are best placed to deliver.

Nurture Development believes there are at least 12 domains in which this is true; where the ability to deliver positive outcomes is uniquely within the competencies of people, not services or systems. That is not to say that services should be excluded from the domains, but that the starting point for considerations within each should always be on people powered change, then on what is needed from services. The 12 domains are:

1. Health and Wellbeing

Our health and wellbeing is mainly determined by the extent to which we are positively connected to each other, our environment and local economic opportunities.

2. Safety and Security

Increased police presence does not lead to enhanced safety and security in the same way that a connected community can.

3. Caring for the Environment

Imagine what is possible if people become more intentional and collective about their decisions around transport, heating and lighting their homes and how they manage their waste.

4. Nurturing the Local Economy

Most enterprises start small and local, in garden sheds, attics and at the kitchen table and in return they become the heart blood of local economies and one of the most reliable sources of employment for many communities.

5. Mindful Food Consumption & Production

Local food chains enhance outcomes in the areas of health, environment and local economic well-being.

6. Raising Powerful Connected Children

Children need to believe in their families and community. Children do not grow powerful in institutions; their power grows the closer they are to the centre of family and community life.

7. Ageing Well in Place / Locale

The type of care required to age well across the life course is the kind that sees both the gifts and needs of older people, in that order. This kind of care is only located within communities that

have a central place for older people.

8. Building Communities

Communities grow from inside out, evolving from the place where 'I' live, to the community where 'we' grow. They can only grow through the deepening of human relationships.

9. Civic Action for Deeper Democracy & Just Society

Civic action for social, environmental and economic justice provides the rudder for keeping governments honest and on track, democracy meaningful, and people engaged in civic life.

10. Respond to Natural Disaster / Climate Control

Nowhere is people power more apparent than in the face of natural disasters and the consequences of climate change; as human beings, when faced with an unprecedented extreme situation, we dig deep, pull together (self-organise), and respond by building community.

11. Lifelong Learning & Sharing Wisdom

Knowledge and wisdom are hatched in the nest of everyday life and more particularly in associational life, not in educational, commercial or professional institutions.

12. Changing the World

"Change doesn't happen because of how we invest our money. Change happens because of how we invest our human energy, and it always has since we came down from the trees." Daniel Taylor – Future Generations

We have seen moves towards people powered change in recent years with, for example, the steady progress towards personalisation in the health sector; with the growth of community based TimeBanks across the UK, and; with the growth in investment for community building programmes from government and other funding sources such as the Big Lottery.

So things are moving in the right direction but we believe that it is both economically and ethically the time to accelerate these changes and not just as a part of a money saving exercise, but with the explicit purpose of re-energising communities and the people within them. The role of the Community Builder, with the support of Community Connectors, is to use their gifts and the tools we have developed to enhance, deepen and hasten the change.