

Asset Development for communities and enterprises

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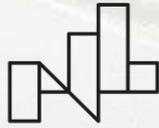
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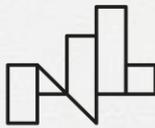
Asset Based Rural Development (ABRD)

Using what you already have!

Finding new value in existing assets.



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The logo for Iceland is a stylized, geometric representation of the country's map, composed of several rectangular blocks of varying heights and widths, arranged to form the outline of the island.

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The logo for VILAR features the word 'VILAR' in a bold, sans-serif font, followed by a square icon containing a stylized, white, curved shape that resembles a letter 'R' or a similar abstract form.

Appreciative Inquiry

Asset Based

Look at what we've got!!

Look at what we're missing!!



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What do we need for 'development'?

- Imagination
- Creativity
- Enterprise
- But we need *something* to develop!

- What do we already have?

What do local people have to contribute?

- They have ***Assets***
 - Land
 - Knowledge
 - Ways of working together
 - Skills and Competence
 - Need and desire

Assets?

- Assets is a word taken from the financial world
 - If you have an asset, a bank or other institution will lend you money, with the asset posted as *collateral* against a default in repayment
 - Assets, therefore, are a way of building *trust*
- In our case, however, *assets* are the things which go into building community development

Assets?

- Assets (*ressurser*) are all the things needed to make development *sustainable*
- Thus, assets are much more than just money, or, to use another financial word, *capital*
- In our case, *assets* and *capital* are interchangeable.

Assets (*ressurser*)

- Assets are the things we (the community) already have, that we can bring to development.
- Assets are not just *things*.
- Indeed, *things* are often not enough!

Assets

Two types:

- **Tangible Assets**
 - Material and environmental resources
- **Intangible Assets**
 - Knowledges
 - Relationships and networks
 - Financial capital

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Asset-based Rural Community Development (ABRCD)

- focuses on the *act* of development – development is a *process*.
- focuses on communities gaining and building assets.
- focuses on communities using assets as part of the development process.
- advocates trusting communities to develop themselves

ABRCD

- Requires communities to define what is valued and what is an asset.
- Puts communities in the driving seat with opportunities, rights and responsibilities.

But how can we do this?

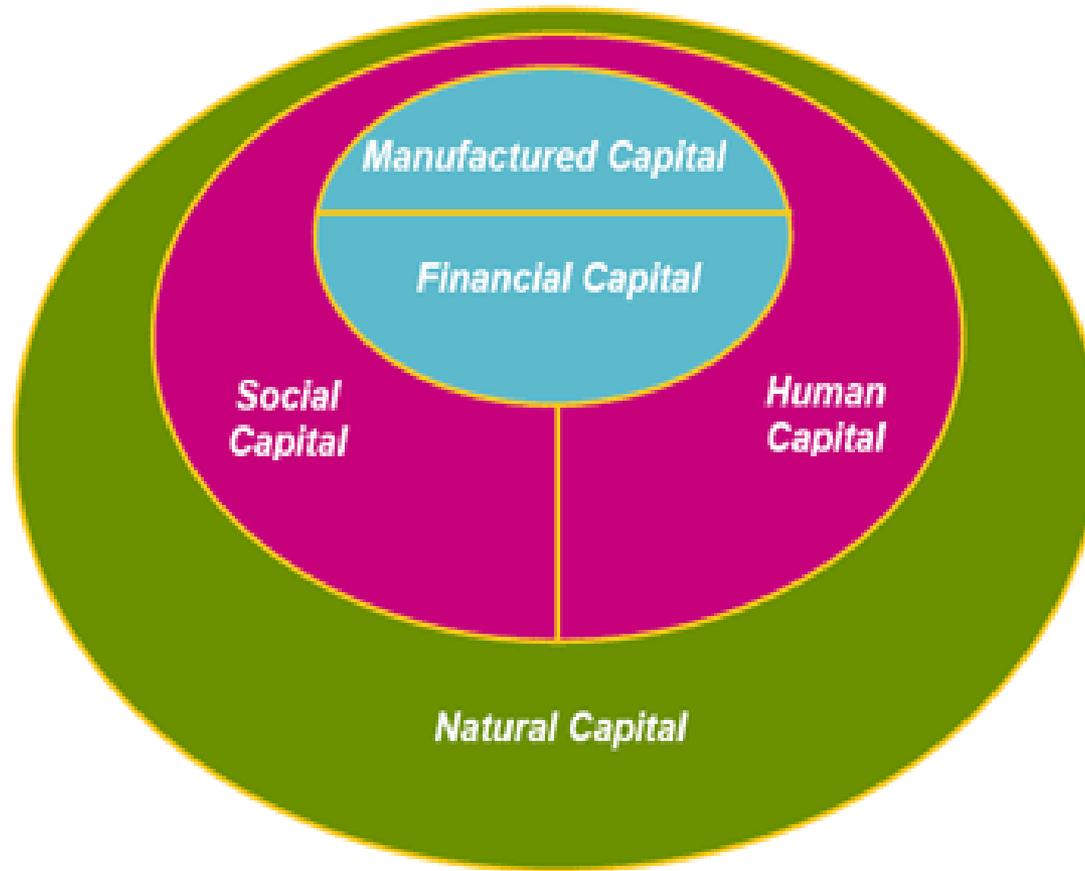
- We need a *method*, a *system* that we can use to identify Assets
- We need to develop a way to recognize the assets the community already owns
- And a way to get them to contribute these Assets to the development project.

The Five Capitals Model

- A Model we can use to understand what different types of assets we already have.
- It is a tool to identify things which have value, which are *taken-for-granted*, which people do not think have value

Capitals, Assets and Development

- If capitals are resources, then they are assets for development
- The range of assets for development goes far beyond financial capital
- Sustainable development requires all partners to contribute
- Exogenous assets are as important as endogenous assets



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Five Capitals Model

(www.forumforthefuture.org.uk)

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The Five Capitals

- Five Categories of Capital
 - Natural Capital
 - Human Capital
 - Social Capital
 - Manufactured Capital
 - Financial Capital

Natural Capital

- Biodiversity
- Landscape character
- Soils
- Water
- Air and climate
- Minerals and other
- non-renewables

Human Capital

- Employment and Skills base
- Education and training
- Health and well-being

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Social Capital

- Leadership and trust
- Political connections
- Community cohesion and sense of place
- Stakeholder networks and processes
- Institutions conserving the land

Manufactured Capital

- Archaeology
- Buildings and built heritage
- Transport infrastructure, traffic and access networks
- Processes and waste products
- Energy production and Consumption
- IT and telecommunications

Financial Capital

- Public funding,
e.g. for CAP or rural regeneration.
- Local authority expenditure.
- Conservation funding.
- Other (such as match funding).

ABRCD

- Assets are things which already exist.
- Fortunately, many pre-existing assets can be *converted* from a prior use to a new one.
- Thus, an old small farm can be converted from its original use to a new one appropriate for the new economy
- Or old transportation assets supporting a dying resource economy can be converted to bring tourists in to an area.

Asset conversion

- Likewise, past experience in working together to accomplish a joint task can be ‘converted’ or used to accomplish new ones

Asset conversion

- Before a project starts, whether a community-based one, or a private enterprise – a full *inventory* of existing assets needs to be undertaken.
- Then each asset can be assessed to see what it can contribute (*be converted*) to the new endeavour.

Asset conversion

- Use the Asset Inventory table to identify assets
- Then, using the next column in the table, show how the asset can be converted.
- We will do this as a group exercise later today

Asset-based development and Communities

Specifically, landscape-based
development

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ABRCD

- When communities want to engage in land-based community development, they require *all* of the assets within the ABRCD model!
- As we have seen, without, for example, intangible assets such as ways of working together, or local knowledge, a development project is likely to not be sustainable, or, in other words, to fail once the money is spent.

ABRCD

- Thus, we need to see sustainable community and landscape-based development as something which happens around a table.
- And everyone at that table must contribute something – that is how local communities take ownership of the development
- And how they will continue to use and further develop it once the ‘project’ ends.

ABRCD

- The more of each type of capital can be mobilized, the greater the potential sustainability of the enterprise.
- Communities are central to this model because the wide range of development assets is best provided by a group, rather than one or two individuals

ABRCD

- Assets-based approaches to development are often used to provide *services*, whether retail services (i.e. outdoor recreation), or welfare services (i.e. care of elderly, employment of unemployable, etc)
- As such, this approach underpins the growth of the Social Enterprise sector (community-owned businesses delivering public goods through service delivery)

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Community development usually happens in a vacuum – that is, the community steps in to provide something which is not currently provided (*market failure*)

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- Therefore it is likely that few individuals have all the necessary assets
- Spreading the load can help financially, in terms of complimentary skills, and in terms of simple manpower

community

- What do we mean by 'Community' in this context?

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community?

- Actual geographic community?
- An extended family?
- A group of entrepreneurs, with complimentary businesses?
- A subset of a wider community which self-identifies?

- Community is one way that individual entrepreneurs can reduce infrastructure costs (i.e. cooperatives)
- Community can ease entry into regulated environments

Examples of the development of landscape assets by Scottish communities

Abriachan

Tobermory Harbour, Mull

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Local Landscapes --Virtuous forests



Abriachan Community Woodland





Abriachan

- Abriachan Forest Trust created in 1996
- In 1998 the community purchased 534 hectares of forest and open hill ground from Forest Enterprise

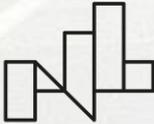
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Abriachan history

- “We decided that the way forward would be a radical development of the infrastructure of the forest to improve the amenity value for the general public, to naturalise the forest with native species and in the process to create jobs.
- We also decided to retain part of the forest for commercial operations which would help sustain the Trust.
- This course of action involved further grant applications for the substantial funding necessary to achieve these objectives.
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- “Roads had to be built to extract our timber. Our consultant forester secured a contract to provide pulp timber from the clearing and thinning operations. This put the Trust on a more secure long-term financial footing. These operations were further boosted by the purchase of machinery including a mini-forwarder, tractor with chipper and firewood processor.

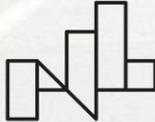
Through sensitive forest management and as much continuous cover thinning as the wind allows, we have created employment opportunities for local people and increased the biodiversity of our forest and surrounding ground. Local school pupils involved in Rural Skills and Skills for Work courses are involved in relevant forest improvement projects.”

- To increase the amenity value of the forest, a network of path construction was started along with the provision of rain shelters, interpretation, car parking and toilet facilities
- Our education programme is flexible and works for mainstream schools but also meets alternative curricular requirements.

It always involves experiential learning, plenty of play and usually some physical activity which addresses the health and wellbeing of participants. A new classroom was built in 2007 and provides a base for user groups who are mostly regular visitors.

Abriachan

- Purchased land with donations and grants
- Gained government grants to develop basic assets
- Grant funding created new public goods, often enjoyed for free by the public
- Activity-based income (trading) from delivering alternative education venues to the public school system employs four.

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Another Scottish example

Isle of Mull



Isle of Mull

- West coast Scotland
- Population 3000
- Ferries from Oban
- 40 km X 10 km
- “End of Road”

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Isle of Mull – some problems

- Beautiful – “But you can’t eat beauty”
- Frictions of distance
 - Secondary school a ferry ride away – students leave for the whole week
 - Single lane roads restrict transport
- Tourist economy,
 - Only busy in summer
- Many holiday or ‘second’ homes
 - Housing shortage for young people

Community responses

- Tobermory Harbour Association
- Mull and Iona Community Trust
- Northwest Mull Community Woodland Company
- Local Housing development
- “Business Incubators”



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ISLE OF MULL SCOTLAND



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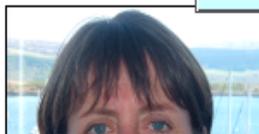
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In September 20 the THA assets responsible for a new projects and

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Alison Rimell joined the staff in March 2008 on a part time basis. In January 2011 she became the full time Business Manager and is responsible for the day to day running of the Harbour Building alongside her overall business role. In addition she liaises with the Marine Manager and THA board of directors.

Alison has lived on Mull since 1989 and moved to Tobermory in August 2007. She has a Post

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Private goods / public benefit

- The Tobermory Harbour Association is a member-based community group representing a specific interest – boaters
- By providing services for the boaters, they also provide the same services to the wider community – laundromat and showers, public benches, signage for the town, meeting rooms
- They are funded by moorage rents on the grant-developed harbour

Public Goods – Private enterprise

- Mull Seafood
- Mull Pottery
- Mull Weaving
- Toberan Culture Centre

- **KILLIECHRONAN PONY TREKKING**
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After fourteen years as a Walk Leader, administrator and director of an international walking holiday company, Ruth Fleming founded Mull Magic in 2005. She is now able to pass on her wealth of experience on the scenery, wildlife, flora, fauna and history of the island to anyone who wishes to spend a day on the highways and byways of Mull, Iona and Ulva.

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- Communities in Scotland, developing landscape-based assets
- Also delivering public goods whilst trading in a responsible and profitable way
- Joint grant funding/trading income model for sustainability
- Repurposing landscape assets to create new models of enterprise.