

# *Finding the treasure*

## Exploring Asset Based Community Development

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**HODGE HILL CHURCH**  
Growing Loving Community



Fri 15 May 2026 • Hodge Hill Church, Birmingham



<b>10AM</b>	<b>PLACE OF WELCOME</b> Welcome, refreshments, intentional connecting & conversation
<b>10.30</b>	<b>WELCOME &amp; INTRODUCTIONS</b>
<b>10.40</b>	<b>HAVING GREAT CONVERSATIONS</b>
<b>10.45</b>	<b>'EXPLORING ABCD'</b>
<b>11.30</b>	<b>REFRESHMENT BREAK</b>
<b>11.45</b>	<b>'EXPLORING ABCD' CTD</b>
<b>12.45</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
<b>13.15</b>	<b>WORKSHOP ROUND 1</b>
<b>14.00</b>	<b>REFRESHMENT BREAK</b>
<b>14.15</b>	<b>WORKSHOP ROUND 2</b>
<b>15.00</b>	<b>REFRESHMENT BREAK</b>
<b>15.15</b>	<b>SMALL GROUP AND PLENARY CONVERSATIONS</b>

## WORKSHOP ROUND 1: THE OPTIONS

### **START WITH CONNECTING: ABCD IN PRACTICE (1)**

Paul Wright, Clare Mclean and Tiffany Nicholson  
(Open Door Community Foundation's 'Street Connecting' staff team)

### **COMMUNITY-BUILDING WITH (AND BY) YOUNG PEOPLE**

Dan Sandford-Smith  
(Branch Director, Worth Unlimited Birmingham & Solihull)

### **'BUT I NEED DATA!': EVALUATING ABCD PROJECTS**

Jane Perry  
(Researcher and evaluator, freelance and Church Action on Poverty)

### **MAKING MEETINGS MATTER: HOW TO HOST LIFE-GIVING (NOT LIFE-SAPPING!) CONVERSATIONS**

Steph Vidal-Hall  
(Freelance trainer, Making Meetings Matter)

### **AN (ECO-)SPIRITUALITY FOR COMMUNITY-BUILDING IN A WORLD FALLING APART**

Revd Dr Al Barrett  
(Rector, Hodge Hill Church)

## WORKSHOP ROUND 2: THE OPTIONS

### **'BUT I JUST NEED HELP!' (1): ABCD & SUPPORTING PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING**

Andy Freeman  
(CEO, Space to Breathe)

### **'BUT I JUST NEED HELP!' (2): ABCD & SUPPORTING PEOPLE'S LIVELIHOODS**

Jane Perry (Researcher & evaluator – freelance & Church Action on Poverty)  
Flo Berrow (Open Door Community Foundation, Livelihoods Support Worker)

### **MAKING MEETINGS MATTER: HOW TO HOST LIFE-GIVING (NOT LIFE-SAPPING!) CONVERSATIONS**

Steph Vidal-Hall  
(Freelance trainer, Making Meetings Matter)

### **'WHAT HAPPENS WHEN IT GETS TOUGH?': ABCD IN PRACTICE (2)**

Paul Wright (Director of Strategy & Engagement, Open Door Community Foundation)  
Dan Sandford-Smith (Director, Worth Unlimited Birmingham & Solihull)

### **'BUT WHAT ABOUT EVANGELISM?': ABCD & JESUS**

Soobie Whitfield and Clare Mclean (FAB Church co-leaders)