

**Community Activism or Policy
Implementation? Resident to Resident
Learning in Neighbourhood Governance**

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Introduction

- Concepts of Policy Implementation
- Resident to Resident Learning: The Guide
Neighbourhoods Programme
- Research Approach
- Policy Domains and Outcomes
- Conclusion: Activism or Policy Delivery

Concepts of Policy Implementation

- Implementation as stage of the Policy Cycle
 - Agenda setting, policy development, implementation
 - The implementation gap
 - Incremental adjustments
- Implementation as Policy Solution Stream
 - Social problems, policy solutions and political support
- Implementation as Bottom-up Policy-Action
 - Policy is what is implemented
 - Analysing policy from viewpoint of implementers
 - Innovative practice shaping policy?

Resident to Resident Learning: The Guide Neighbourhoods Programme

- Aims
 - Resident to Resident Learning
 - Policy impact in client neighbourhoods
- Origins
 - Seeing is Believing
 - Neighbourhood Consultancy
 - Community Led Policy
- Structure and delivery
 - Learning Network
 - Arms Length Management

Research Approach

- Action Research Evaluation
 - Participating in the network
 - Evaluating outcomes
- Flexible Research Design
 - Developmental workshops
 - Case studies
 - User survey and user interviews

Policy Domains and Outcomes

- Empowerment
 - Active Citizenship
 - Strengthening Communities
 - Partnership Working
- Quality of Life
 - Environmental Improvement
 - Community Safety
 - Neighbourhood Management

Conclusion: Dilemmas of Activism to Policy Delivery

- Intractable problems and policy churn
- Activist aims and capacities
- Managing multiple funding streams
- Fitting into Programmes or translating Programmes for own organizations