

A VERY BRIEF HISTORY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA

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Sophiatown removals, 1955-1959. (District Six Museum Collection)



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Popular initiatives

“ ... to rise and attain the envisaged self”



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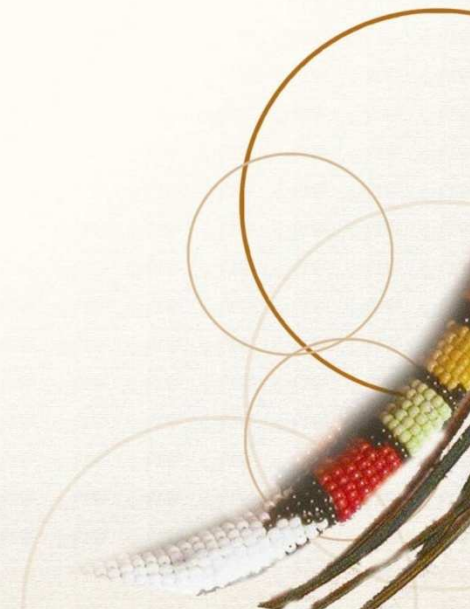
“the ability to define oneself”



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Grassroots action ...



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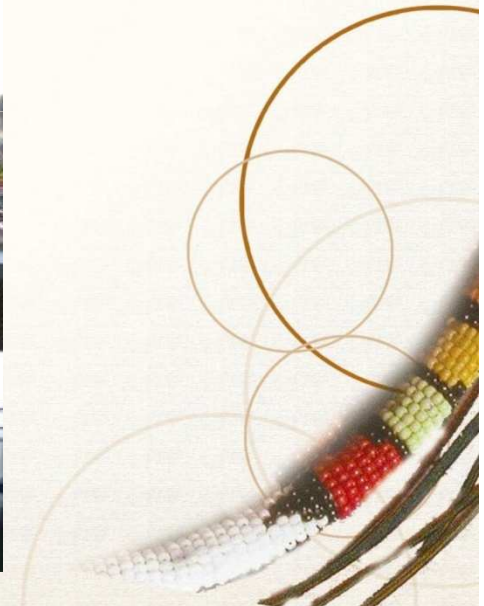
... at community level



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Capacity building, training and education



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Nonformal training

- Earlier (and still?) training linked to sectoral interests
- NGO sector involved at grassroots level since early
- Since 1994 the sector mushroomed



Formal training

- Part of Social Work training
- After 1994 dedicated Community Development degrees/diplomas at UKZN, UWC, UJ, UNISA and other institutions



Conclusion

- This workshop is the culmination of a long history of community development in South Africa. What happens here must give direction towards the institutionalization of community development as a profession in South Africa



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