‘Adopting occupational justice framework to transform communities’

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Aims
What will our presentation address?

- Evolution of Occupational therapy outside traditional healthcare settings
- ABCD Approach
  - Occupational justice framework
  - Community mental health teams (CMHT)
  - Job opportunities
    - Occupational Deprivation
    - Poverty
    - Evolution of Occupational therapy outside traditional healthcare settings
- Education
- Health promotion
- Community based Rehabilitation
- ABCD Approach
  - Meaningful occupations in local communities
  - Occupational Alienation
  - Unemployment
Why do we need OTs in the community?

- Cost effective working
- Prevention is better than cure
- We are healthcare professionals

AlHeresh et al (2013)
Kings Fund (2015)
• World Federation of Occupational Therapists (2006)

• Impact of participation on health

(Wilcock Townsend 2000)
Participatory Occupational Justice Framework (POJF 2010)

Collaborative enabling processes.

- Raise consciousness of occupational injustice
- Engage collaboratively with partners
- Inspire advocacy for sustainability or closure
- Mediate agreement on a plan
- Support implementation and continuous evaluation
- Strategize resource funding

(Townsend Whiteford 2005)
Occupational Risk Factors

- Imbalance
- Deprivation
- Alienation

INEQUALITIES in access to resources or limitations in ability to engage in a meaningful way.

Social Justice & Occupational Justice
The Community Occupational Therapist

(City of Calgary 2015)
Skills

- Team Skills
- Consultancy
- Cultural awareness
- Clinical reasoning
- Autonomy
- Management Skills
- Program evaluation skills
- Networking
- Education
- Health promotion
- Client-centred practice

(Mitchell Unsworth 2004)
Community Based Practice

- Long term
- Employment placement
- Develop skills
- Self assessment

(Braveman 2001)
## 2 Approaches

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**DEVELOPMENT** of ....  **DISCOVERY** of ....

![Diagram showing what we need and what we already have.](image)

(Adapted from Jody Kretzmann & John McKnight, ABCD Co-Founders, www.ABCDinstitute.com)
ABCD is a “large and growing movement that considers local assets as the primary building blocks of sustainable community development”

(ABCD Institute 2009)
What’s stopping us?

Organisations responding to the need and demand and sponsoring the facilities

Re programming health system

Funding

Accountability

Individual behaviours

Responses from the community

Changing attitudes
THANK YOU FOR LISTENING
References


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