

Return to Basic Value: Explore the Empowerment Mechanism of Community in Taiwan from Community Development Experience in Britain

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Abstract

In Taiwan, there are over five decades to construct both on the community grassroots and community development to promote public participation. Basing on the policy-driven and the civil spontaneity, community-based action services have become increasingly pluralistic. In order to effectively assist communities to gather in force should be back and forth to the needs of running the government or commission specialized units to handle Community Empowerment program is also developing counties in full swing, but in the professional investment community strength training force for nearly a decade the process, already appears to guide community development tools over the phenomenon, whether professional or worker training force, are forgotten in the process of chasing resources grassroots organizations should play a counter force social change and justice and equity promotion.

In contrast, viewing the historical context of community development in Britain, social issues are more with trying to combat poverty or exclusion; public and private cooperative system is also considerable emphasis on partnerships with delegated authority as well as the concept of participatory community governance practices.

This paper tries to review the experience of community development and empowerment mechanism in Britain as a reference, rethink how far the grass-roots communities and empowerment units work together in Taiwan to cope with the ubiquitous the risk of social exclusion, in order to return to community value.

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