In 2004 the Faculty of Education & Social Work commenced working with State Government, Local Government, non-government agencies and residents in our neighbouring suburb of Glebe. Glebe is marked by diversity in terms of wealth, housing, education, culture and age. It is home to some 4,500 public housing tenants many of whom experience significant social disadvantage. In our work in Glebe we aim to create a mutually beneficial relationship with the residents, in a context of partnership and reciprocity. Our aim is to build on the strengths of the community to facilitate local action through respectful and ethical engagement.

The Glebe Community Development Project creates learning opportunities for students across a range of professions, including social work and education. Community engagement in Glebe enhances both community capacity and the University's core mission of teaching, learning and research.
Celebrating the community of Glebe

Through bringing people together to celebrate the community of Glebe, the project builds social cohesion and creates bridges across difference.

2000 residents participating in local events such as

Mitchell Street Fete
NAIDOC
Camperdown Community Day
Arts projects

Working together

Forest Lodge & Glebe Co-ordination Group, established in 2005
Johanna O’Dea & Alexandra Dwellings Advocacy group, established in 2010
Advocacy on issues affecting local residents
Exploring opportunities for innovation

130 network and advocacy meetings

27 editions of the Glebe Newsletter
Learning and teaching

Creating unique learning opportunities for social workers, teachers and other professionals

Learning from and with local residents and groups

540 weeks of student learning

36 social work placements

10 agencies hosting 3rd year BSW student workshops

Creating educational opportunities

Collaboration with local schools

Workshops across the University

Supporting the development of new educational pathways for local students

270 Uni in a Day participants

10 participating Faculties
10 years
Glebe Community Development Project

Research and knowledge exchange

Research undertaken by students to inform local action
Enhanced research and scholarship in the field of community development
Significant contributions to the Australian community development literature

15 action research reports
2 published books 7 BSW Honours thesis 8 conference papers

Thanks to all our staff, students, supporters, partners, collaborators and friends for a fabulous decade!

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