



**Global Summit
on Community
Philanthropy**
1–2 December 2016
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1. What is the purpose of the Summit?

The core objectives are:

1. To shift the fields of development and philanthropy towards a new paradigm of “people based development,” giving primacy to building local assets, capacities and trust (#shiftthepower).
2. To bring together a diverse set of philanthropy and development institutions as actors (rather than just participants) working together in joint pursuit of this first objective.
3. To build momentum towards a joined-up process that capitalizes on the energy of the Summit and draws in and contributes to other, complementary processes.

2. Do I need to know about, practice or support community philanthropy already?

Community philanthropy (CP) combines long-term local asset development with a focus on strengthening community capacities and agency. In recent years, the field has seen a rapid global growth. While the conceptual design for the Summit draws from the organizing principles and experiences of the global community philanthropy field, the Summit is aimed at engaging a broader audience of development institutions and funders who are involved in different, but [complementary efforts to shift power and resources closer to communities](#).

3. Who should attend?

The purpose of the Summit is to bring together a diverse, global group of individuals, working in different kinds of development and philanthropic institutions around the world who are interested in the overall purpose of the Summit. Diversity of audience will be essential to the Summit’s success!

- ***Community philanthropy organizations, grassroots grantmakers, national grantmaking foundations, social justice funds, and their networks***

Interested in:

- Connecting with like-minded individuals within and beyond the CP sector;
- Raising the profile and amplifying the voice of the field of global CP as a necessary and overlooked part of development.
- Presenting innovative CP practice in areas such as devolved decision-making, grantmaking as a development tool, local asset mobilization and stewardship, multi-stakeholder governance etc.
- Using grounded research to contribute to an evidence base that demonstrates how CP builds assets, capacities and trust, how donors can partner effectively with and support CP.
- Being part of a unique global event, which combines a focus on bottom-up practices and institutions of CP with some of the “big questions” around making development more sustainable and more effective.

- ***Funders (bilateral and multilateral funding agencies, private philanthropic foundations and public grantmaking funds, working locally and / or internationally)***

Interested in:

- Learning about and sharing experiences of strategies and practices that strengthen local ownership for local development, build (on) local assets, reduce dependency on external aid, devolve power to local actors etc.

- Engaging with other like-minded funders around strategies for blending external support with local, bottom-up development approaches in new, tested and innovative ways.
 - Learning more about CP as an emerging field of practice and evidence which combines local asset development and decision-making with external supports.
 - Exploring new development partnerships between traditional and non-traditional development actors, including emerging local philanthropic / foundation sectors in the global south.
 - Philanthropy actors from emerging markets / developing contexts looking for new types of collaboration with other donors and civil society partners, whether domestically or internationally.
- ***Other civil society, development, philanthropy actors – INGOs, NGOs, Centres on Philanthropy, philanthropy networks – who support the objectives of the Summit***

Interested in:

- Learning about CP as a set of tools that can facilitate people-led development, exploring ways of adapting/adopting them in their own context.
- Sharing and exchanging practices which contribute towards a larger, community-driven approach to development – e.g. local systems mapping, grassroots grantmaking, constituency voice, creation of community funds etc.
- Documenting, mapping and observing emergence of new, hybrid forms of civil society institutions, that respond to local circumstances and are as focused on local constituencies as external ones.
- Strengthening the evidence base for a people-led approach to development, creating and influencing research agendas

4. How is the agenda Summit being developed?

The agenda is being developed by the core GFCF planning team, with support from a global [Advisory Committee](#). An open call for ideas in early 2016 generated a strong response: this information has fed into the development of a conceptual framework not just for the Summit, but also for a “people-based” development paradigm.

Eight pillars to Shift the Power

1. Participation and mobilizing people
 - People-based development is central to shifting the power
2. Added value
 - We need to strengthen the link between processes (**how** development programmes are delivered) and outcomes (**what** is delivered)
3. Resources
 - We need to use resources in different ways, test new models and assumptions
4. Evidence and data
 - We need to build evidence for the work and use data to grow and drive it
5. Governance
 - We can enhance the work of other institutions (including public) by demonstrating alternative forms of governance and decision-making
6. Effective interventions
 - Our methods can bring better results (emergent practice)
7. Narrative & communications
 - Words and meanings matter and we need new and better descriptions
8. Architecture and hybridity
 - Structure matters and we need to encourage new and emerging forms while reforming existing institutions looking to go local