

Primary Care Partnerships for Community Resilience



Climate change is emerging as one of the biggest health issues of this century. It is widely reported that climate change will exacerbate disadvantage and the impacts will be felt by those who are the most vulnerable. Primary Care Partnerships (PCPs) are recognised as strong networks that bring health and community sectors together. PCPs can play a major role to enhance resilience in the face of climate change. **enliven** has been selected to participate in the initial stages of Primary Care Partnerships for Community Resilience (PCP4CR) which is being led by Southern Grampians Glenelg PCP (SGGPCP). The aim of this work is to build the capability and capacity of PCPs with enliven taking a leadership role to elevate this work to other PCPs across Victoria. The Lord Mayors Charitable Foundation is funding this work to enhance community resilience in the face of climate change.

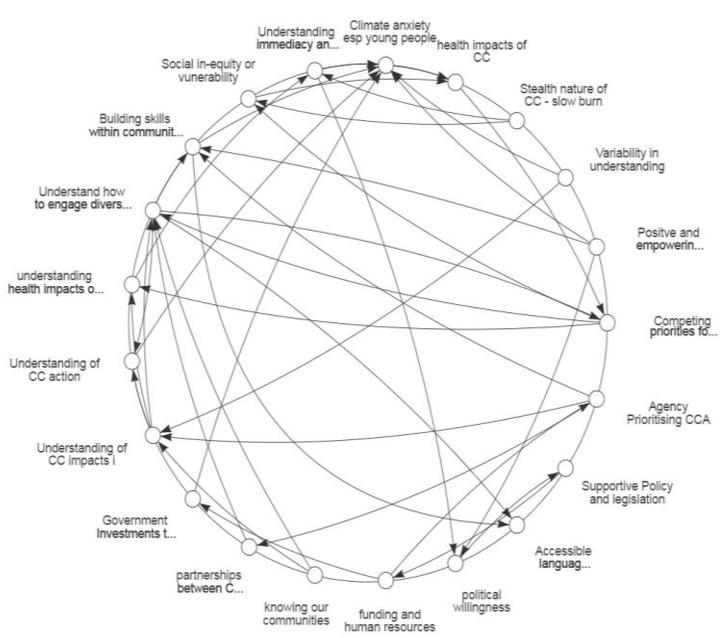
Workshop 1

In October 2019 an enthusiastic group of enliven Partners and Stakeholders came together to share their diverse knowledge and experience in a workshop to understand the enablers and barriers that affect them meeting their diverse communities' cultural and communication needs when addressing the impacts of climate change. Using Group Model Building the group created a map that represented the connections between the factors they identified.

The Barriers and enablers :

Participants shared their stories relating to the barriers and enablers which were centered around understanding and engaging with diverse communities as well as those around climate change impacts. These included factors like having supporting policies and frameworks, making the issue a priority for agencies, knowing our community, understanding the priorities for community, having accessible language resources, increased partnerships and resources, understanding the health impacts and many more. Behind every factor was as story of how this factor had changed over time and what our hope and fears are.

The Connection Circle



The Connections

The barriers and enablers were documented around a circle using STICKE software (Systems Thinking in Community Knowledge Exchange). Participants then discussed the connections between these factors and identified the linkages. For example, there was a connection between increasing supportive policy and legislation which results in an increase in funding and human resources which increases agencies prioritising climate change. The opposite of this story is also true with a decrease in supportive policy leading to a decrease in resources leading to a decrease in prioritisation.

<p><i>“More immediate priorities’ and competing priorities Not just communities but also for service providers and agencies”</i></p>	<p><i>“Ensuring the community understand the full impact of the health risks”</i></p> <p><i>“We can disseminate information but how does it translate to be meaningful for our diverse community”</i></p>	<p><i>“ We need a number of supporting policies and government priorities supporting Climate Change Adaptation”</i></p>	<p><i>“Acknowledge existing strong relationships with community as an enabler for addressing health impacts of climate change”</i></p>	<p><i>“It’s difficult to think of it as an emergency, but the rate it is happening it is”</i></p> <p><i>“We’re not talking about the future. It is now”</i></p> <p><i>“Immediacy, pace and change”</i></p>
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