



Is self-help the best way forward for subsistence communities?

A Conversation with Richard Teare, Global University for Lifelong Learning

Many millions of people live without reliable sources of water, food and energy. Their communities are often blighted by disease, corruption, tribal, ethnic or religious conflict, and receive little or no support from local, regional and national service providers.

This conversation will begin with a video illustrating the power and importance of indigenous self-help systems. It is hoped this will stimulate discussion about the concept of self-help in challenging circumstances; how self-help systems can be designed, implemented and sustained; the role that charities, churches and other community development agencies can play; and the best ways to support and encourage the world's poorest people.

Dr Richard Teare is co-founder and president of Global University for Lifelong Learning (GULL <http://www.gullonline.org>), a non-profit network movement that works with other organisations to facilitate self-help in communities and the workplace.

Richard lives in Oxfordshire, UK, and is an adjunct professor of the Caribbean Maritime University in Jamaica. He has held professorships at four UK universities, has been a journal editor for more than 30 years, and has 24 books to his credit. Among these, he is the author of *Lifelong Action Learning: A Journey of Discovery and Celebration at Work and in the Community* (Amazon, 2018) and co-author of *Lifelong Action Learning for Community Development* (Sense, 2013) and *Designing Inclusive Pathways with Young Adults* (Sense, 2015), the first and second in a series of books about GULL's work with communities.

- Where:** Parkview Restaurant, The Village at Yeronga, 15 Cansdale St, Yeronga
- When:** Thursday, 19 September 2018 from 5.30 – 8.00 pm
- Parking:** Cansdale St, Venner Rd *cul de sac*, or Visitors' Parking within The Village
- Cost:** The event is free, but please BYO drinks and a plate to share.
- RSVP:** Sunday, 15 September to Judith Anderson (judith4802@gmail.com)

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