

Hume Global Learning Village™

Hume City Council, Australia

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WORKSHOP – GROUP DISCUSSION EXERCISES

- 1. What is the most important economic issue in your community at the moment?**

What is the most important social issue in your community at the moment?

What are you currently doing about each issue?

How could you use the lifelong learning ‘overlay’ to change your approach to these issues?

How could you bring together activities, initiatives and interventions that would address both issues?

- 2. Does there have to be a crisis situation in a community in order to bring together people and organisations, for them to share a common vision, to work together to achieve the vision and to overcome professional differences, ‘silo’ thinking and funding?**

- 3. If the General Manager, Learning Community, Hume City Council came to your city or region, what questions would you have for her??**

(Note: Discussion questions are intended for consideration and discussion among those attending the case study and sitting at individual tables. Each table will have 8 to 10 people. Please suggest questions that lend themselves to various points of view or extended debate. Formats for discussion exercises may vary, with some being in a question-and-answer format, others involving role-playing (for example, with each person at a table arguing a different point-of-view – those of managers, elected officials, members of the public, and other interest groups), or problem-solving. It may also be possible to assign one topic to one group of tables and a separate topic or point-of-view to a separate group of tables.)

During the course of a 75-minute workshop, there may be time for two breakouts into small-group discussions. Each of these may last approximately 15 minutes, with some tables then reporting the results of their discussion back to the group as a whole.)