

Association For Community Networking

The Association For Community Networking provides resources, shared learning, and experienced guidance to help communities and organizations use information and communications technologies effectively.

Association For Community Networking Objectives

Rapid advances in technological development, Internetworking applications and information flow are having increasing impacts upon communities, organizations and individuals, with many associated concerns, challenges, opportunities and benefits. The AFCN advocates strategies, provides resources and offers services to help communities function more effectively and remain healthy amid the complexities of this Information Revolution.

Within this context, AFCN promotes and supports:

- Economic development and vitality
- Energetic local culture
- Lifelong learning and teaching
- Civic participation and governance
- Extended healthcare services
- Environmental sustainability
- Aggregation of resources and demand
- Policy recommendations and advocacy
- Leadership development and expertise
- Cooperative partnership building
- Networked technology planning and applications
- Universal access

Guiding Principles:

- Shared knowledge is a foundation of democratic society. Information technology can enhance civic discourse and thus support democratic values and practice.
- Universal and affordable access to information resources and tools is essential to meaningful, equitable public participation.
- Privacy should be protected and freedom of expression supported in the application of information technologies. Information technology should be applied to the ideals of both the individual and society.

Association For Community Networking activities and accomplishments

AFCN coordinated a series of Community Networking Conferences and Open Space events, produced the Community Networking Handbook, and has collaborated in the editorial board of the Community Technology Review. We're presently working with several groups to "Rebuild and Reboot" the Movement.

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