Glossary

In every setting we use words in a slightly different way. There is no right or wrong way to define these things. But when used here this is what we are meaning

Term	Meaning
Community	A group of people who share some aspects of identity, purpose, interest or experience. The space between individual change and governmental change where people collectively make change that matters to them. A verb, the things people do that build trust, connection and collective action
Community Building	The active building of trust and connection between people
Cultural Momentum	The state of being indistinguishable, as activists, from the general public, finding friends/allies that we don't currently know about who are sympathetic to our goals
Broader Spectrum of Support	The diversity and breadth of individuals, groups, and organisations, including those not previously aligned with the movement or its cause, who may actively endorse, participate in, or contribute to its goals.
Asset Based Community Development	Methodology for sustained development of communities based on their strengths and potential, rather than by their deficits. An approach based on how communities naturally organise themselves (30 years of research into this)
Community Connectors	People who are known by and know their neighbours, the people in our communities we talk to when we need help, that one person who always seems to know who to ask and who may have the answer to any question.
Permeable Boundaries	Acknowledging that a healthy, functional community doesn't claim ownership of the individuals.
Community of Place	A community of individuals connected by living in the same place.
Community of Interest	A group of individuals or groups who share a common focus on a given activity or goal who reinforce their mutual trust and connection through shared action.
Community of Practice	A group of individuals who share a common interest or profession and actively engage in collective learning, knowledge-sharing, and skill development through ongoing collaboration, dialogue, and shared experiences.
Community of Identity	A group that is organised around a shared characteristic of the people within the group. For example age, gender and parenthood.

Term	Meaning
Community of Action	A group of individuals or groups who connect and interact around a given subject or issue.
