

Community Development Animating Peacebuilding from Below: The Case of GiNaPaLaDTaKa Space for Peace in Pikit, North Cotabato

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The paper explores ways by which Community Development (CD) principles and strategies can animate community-based peacebuilding as lens with which to comprehend the latter's dynamics and as means to facilitate its formation. This exploration was done by culling out insights from the experience of GiNaPaLaDTaKa Space for Peace. Inversely, the paper also looked at the ways by which CD strategies could be shaped by a situation of large scale violence amidst communities striving to build peace. The paper recommends ways by which community-based peacebuilding can be institutionalized through the mechanisms of community governance and how as a local initiative, it can possibly become the foundation for national level peacebuilding - thus, Peacebuilding from Below.