

Pro-environmental spill-overs in community settings three years on

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Longitudinal investigation (focus groups & interviews)

Natural Resource Centre

Adelaide Hills (14 or 50 km from CBD Adelaide)

Retrofitted energy efficient building & community garden & farmers market &

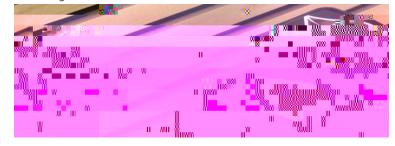
composting

Support Organisation for Disadvantaged People (e.g. formerly homeless)

Adelaide inner city

Energy efficiency

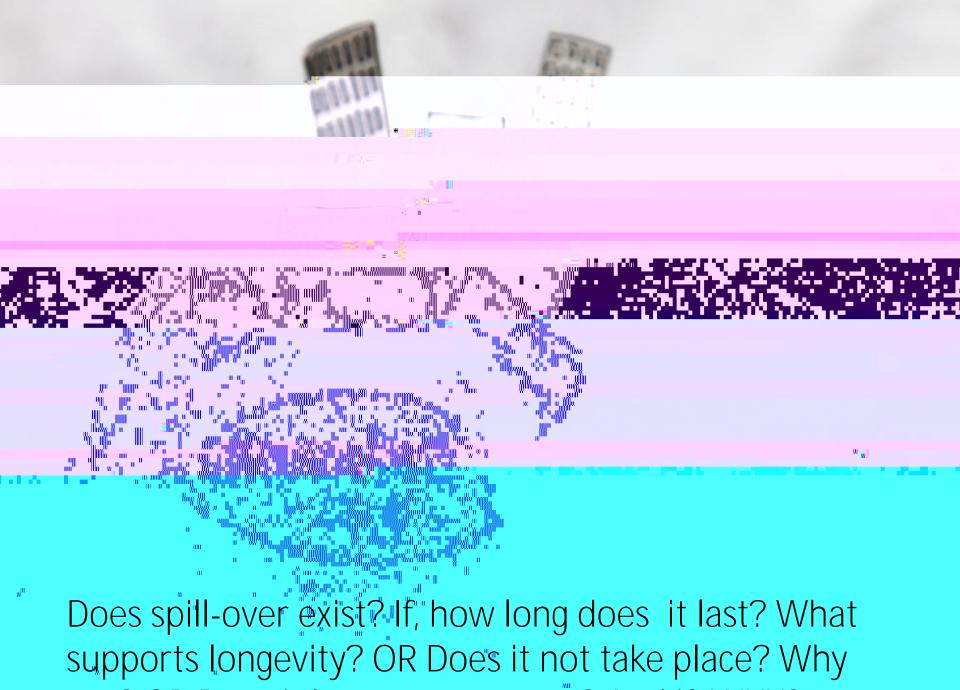
Customised workshop on energy efficiency



Bowling Club

Affluent inner suburb of Adelaide Customised workshop on energy efficiency & Bokashi buckets in the kitchen





not? OR Does it loose momentum? And if, WHY?

Three Years On

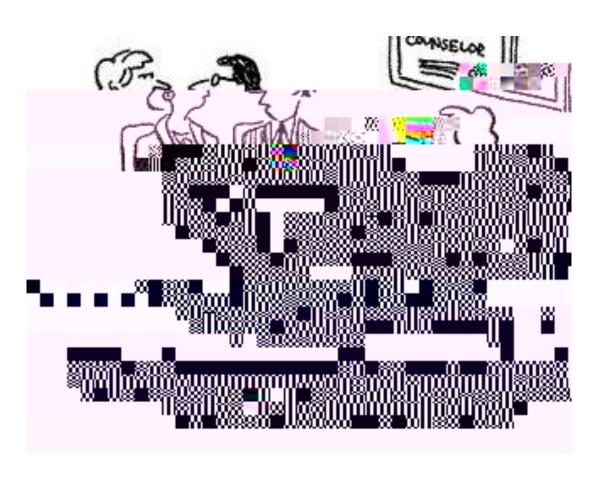
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Type one spill-over
composting
worm farm
capacity and skill set
of volunteers
information source
previous exposure
access to a garden
concern next
generation
knowledge of
greenhouse gas
emission in landfill
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Type two spill-over
From energy efficiency to three bin waste stream

Spill-overs three years on

Push back: Bokashi buckets

Top down approach



Lack of knowledge

Secretary

"It was closer to where the action was and it [waste] can go straight in there and you sprinkle the stuff on top and the thing is done."

Kitchen volunteer

"I think they are a good idea but I think none of us really knew enough about it to start with and then out of sight out of mind, you just tend to forget."

Lack of training

Powder



"And a lot of the girls don't know that." (Kitchen volunteer)

Existing prior perception

" A lot of the girls do not use it at all because of the smell and they think it is unhygienic in the kitchen to use it."

"The girls don't like it in the kitchen, they just don't like it."

(Kitchen volunteers)

Operational problems with the design

They (lids) are hard to get off. I have to stand with it and really wrench the top off and it is tight. ... there are probably a few who are younger than me, but getting arthritis you are getting weaker. You get a lot weaker

(Kitchen volunteers)

Design

Could they reform those bins? You know, you buy plastic containers where there are four clips, if they could actually redesign the bin, so the lid was easy to get off, I might use it.

(Kitchen volunteer)

Unintended side effects

"Because of the no sv

Focus group outcome

All three focus group participants managed their organic waste at home conscientiously

Focus group outcome

"It would be possible to use. I would be happy if there would be something similar but it would be a bit bigger to just put outside [the kitchen] around there."

(Kitchen volunteer)

Conclusion: No behaviour sits in a vacuum (Dolan & Galizzi 2015)

Complexity

Positive aspects

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No behaviour sits in a vacuum

Attention is needed to avoid push back to:

- Communication (ongoing feed back)
- Knowledge of prior perceptions towards a measure
- Design of devices
- Design of implementation (Co-creation is needed)
- Training
- Practicality (time pressure)

Complexity

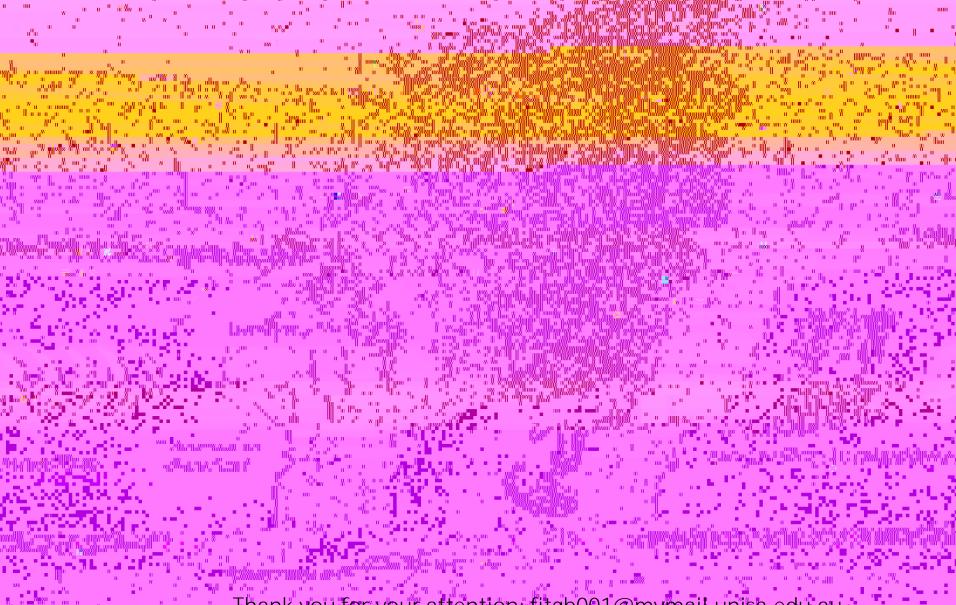
Web of aligning and conflicting factors
Challenge of understanding different contexts
and competing influences under which
spillovers take place

Importance of organisations

Communication

Culture

Knowledge base of members



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The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step.