

Mission Acton Planning and Natural Church Development

The Church of England has adopted Mission Action Planning as a primary methodology for all churches to adopt. General Synod has endorsed this and it has become a key part of CoE strategy.

It may initially appear to be at odds with Natural Church Development (NCD) but on further investigation this is not the case and in fact there are many similarities with the NCD approach. MAPPING complements NCD and those engaging with MAPPING can learn from NCD and vice versa.

This is a diagram taken from Guildford Diocese' web site which clearly summarises the process and their approach to MAPPING:



Those familiar with the NCD will recognise that this process is very similar to the NCD Cycle below. Guildford Diocese uses NCD as one of its approaches as seen above.

