The Men’s Shed Movement: The Company of Men

Barry Golding (ed.)

Invented in Australia, the remarkable men’s shed movement has spread from the back blocks of Australia to reach a total of more than 1,400 Men’s Sheds in diverse countries on opposite sides of the world.

This book provides a fascinating, carefully evidenced and definitive story of men’s sheds for the first time. It is a book and movement whose time has come. Many nations are struggling to meet the needs and interests of men beyond the workplace. Over two decades, the men’s shed movement has mushroomed from the ground up to become a strongly networked international movement, not only in Australia, but now Ireland, the UK, New Zealand, and continental Europe.

How and why this has happened and what the evidence and research means for service providers, communities and the men in the men’s sheds movement is thoroughly explored. Lead author, Professor Barry Golding, Federation University Australia, is the respected world expert in the field, being a patron of the Australian Men’s Shed Association and the winner of the coveted Ted Donnelly Award in 2013 for his “outstanding contribution to the men’s shed movement.”

Editor Bio:

Barry Golding is an adjunct professor of education in the Faculty of Education and Arts, Federation University Australia, Ballarat. Barry has extensive research experience in all adult learning sectors. In the past 25 years his research has focused mainly on equity and access in adult and community education, with a recent emphasis on learning experienced by men informally through participation in community organisations. He has completed many national and international studies of men’s learning and wellbeing through community participation including men’s sheds. Barry is honorary patron of the Australian Men’s Sheds Association and a board member of Adult Learning Australia.

To order your copy, please visit agingandsociety.cgpublisher.com. Paperback copies are $30 USD + shipping and e-Books are $10 USD.

Alternatively, copies in Australia are available for $40 AUD + shipping directly from Barry Golding. Please contact him at b.golding@federation.edu.au.