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From: emailnation@thenation.com (The Nation Magazine)

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Dear EmailNation Subscriber,

Kicking off last night, the Boston Social Forum is the foremost gathering of progressives in Boston this week as the Democrats assemble at the Fleet Center for their convention. Thousands of attendees arrived last night and this morning for a weekend of workshops, star-studded lectures, performances and documentary film screenings, from John Sayles, among others.

The organizers for the BSF insist, however, that they are not running a typical left convocation. So what exactly is the Boston Social Forum?

Jennifer C. Berkshire sets out to answer that question in the first of a series of exclusive Nation Online reports from the BSF.

What Exactly is a Social Forum? by Jennifer C. Berkshire

<http://www.thenation.com/doc.mhtml?i=20040802&s=berkshire>

For more on the Boston Social Forum:

<http://www.thenation.com/actnow/index.mhtml?bid=4>

Berkshire's reports are part of a week of special Democratic National Convention-related features at the Nation Online, which, beginning tonight, will be updated many times each day.

Look for:

* A new RadioNation audio weblog hosted by Marc Cooper. Starting on Monday, listen to daily radio reports offering both the highlights and the lowlights of the week.

* Daily weblog articles offering inside reporting and commentary from Boston from David Corn (Capital Games), John Nichols (The Online Beat) and Katrina vanden Heuvel (Editor's Cut).

* Special DNC weblogs from Nation columnists Patricia J. Williams (Weblog of a Mad Law Professor) and Eric Alterman (Liberal Media Weblog) who will both be writing regularly from Boston.

* Special online commentary from Nation National Affairs Correspondent William Greider.

* Daily weblog updates on the organizing and activist campaigns happening outside of the convention hall.

* A calendar detailing Boston-based events during the DNC.

We'll have all this and much more at <http://www.thenation.com/> starting soon.

And make sure to check out the site today for new weblogs, exclusive online reports from around the world, info on nationwide activist campaigns, Nation History offerings, reader letters and special weekly selections from The Nation magazine.

Best Regards,

Peter Rothberg, The Nation

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Hi,

With the leadership and support of NWSF Planning Committee members Bob Hasegawa and Lynne Dodson, the King County Labor Council Executive Committee and Delegate body unanimously endorsed the NWSF yesterday. This is an important step to help motivate other county councils and locals to join the KCLC, Teamsters Local 174 and Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance in their endorsements (the Church Council of Greater Seattle, Inter-faith Task Force on Homelessness and a few others have also endorsed the NWSF-please let us know who else has).

The Boston Social Forum (www.bostonsocialforum.org <<http://www.bostonsocialforum.org>>) starts tomorrow and they are putting on a significant event just before the Democratic National Convention. They have recently posted their 48 page program guide on the website (link to program is on this page: <http://www.bostonsocialforum.org/program.php> <<http://www.bostonsocialforum.org/program.php>>). They are presenting over 600 events. I am leaving in the morning to work with their organizers over the weekend to learn about their event systems and what works and what needs improvement. Their event will help our planning process. Please spend some time reviewing their program to identify various ideas for the NWSF. Our

call for proposals will hopefully go out in the next 2 weeks or so.

Thanks.

Dan

From: "Whitesell, Lucilene" <WhiteseL@evergreen.edu>

To: "NW Social Forum" <discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org>,
"NWSF Agriculture" <agriculture@lists.nwsocialforum.org>

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THE LANDLESS WORKERS' MOVEMENT (MST) AND THE STRUGGLE TO BUILD A NEW BRAZIL

A Call to Participate in the NW Social Forum and mobilize around Peasant

Resistance, Farming and Food Justice.

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Join LELO's Tyree Scott Worker to Worker Voice Coalition and the NW Social

Forum for a visit from:=20

Ram=E3o Aldo da Silva, MST National Political Education Cmte.=20

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6=20

Bush Hotel Auditorium in the International District at LELO's Office

409 Maynard Ave. S, Suite P4,

Entrance through doors facing Red Pagoda Plaza corner of Maynard and King St

Potluck, 6 PM

Presentation, 7 PM

Info: 360.259-1879

Brazil's Landless Workers' Movement is the largest social movement in Latin America. Since their first victory in 1985, MST land-takeovers earned land titles for 250,000 families living on more than 15 million acres of farmland. In 1999 alone, 25,099 families occupied unproductive land. The MST also battles Free Trade Agreements like the FTAA, which subsidize corporate agriculture while destroying the ability of small farmers to produce their own food.

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"Another World is Possible and Necessary"

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Anne

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Book Launch for Revolutionary Integration

Saturday, July 31, 4:00-7:00pm

Celebrate the publication of Revolutionary Integration, a groundbreaking story

udy of the history of African American resistance, the nature of racism, the role of the Left, and the ongoing fight for freedom now. The program features a discussion by local activists on the book's lessons and meaning for today.

A reception follows, with an hors d'oeuvres buffet available for a \$5.50 donation. The event is at New Freeway Hall, 5018 Rainier Avenue S., Seattle (four blocks south of S. Alaska St. on the # 7 busline).

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it looks like a promising model/template :)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: July 19, 2004

Contact: Penny Little (805) 685-7981

Richard Hoefler (415) 242-4441

Progressive media leaders to meet this weekend

in Boston at important SummitNet04

On July 24 and 25, just prior to the Democratic National Convention, leading (or influential) members of TV, film, print, radio, and web media will gather on the University of Massachusetts Boston campus to discuss effective ways

of unifying and strengthening the voice of media organizations committed to providing accurate, rigorous, non-spinned news coverage to the American electorate.

Journalists such as Danny Schecter (Media Channel), investigative reporter Greg Palast (BBC, The Guardian), William Rivers Pitt (Truthout), Heather Holdridge (CTSG), and a wide range other media professionals will participate in this discussion focused on building a national progressive media network that will reach a large mainstream audience.

SummitNet04 is coordinated by Take Back the Media, GTV, and People to People TV in association with the Boston Social Forum.

Other participants include Craig Unger (former Boston Globe reporter and author of House of Bush, House of Saud), Don Hazen (Alternet), Kristina Bourjesson (Into the Buzzsaw), Nate Wilkes (former Deputy Press Secretary for Dennis Kucinich) and representative from AirAmerica, Dana Mathou (from "Hunting of the President", Marc Umile (author of Bush Unplugged), Barbara Trent (academy award winning film maker), Andrew Dieringer from Freespeech TV, and Larry Bensky from Pacifica.

Bartcop, Buzzflash, Democracy Now!, IndyMedia, The Nation,

Pacifica, Link TV and other news, community, and blog sites.

Coordinators of SummitNet04 commented on the enthusiastic response they've received to the summit and the goals they've set to achieve with this important meeting of Progressive media minds:

This enthusiastic response underscores not only the importance of this year's election and Americans' strong desire to change the harmful direction in which the Bush administration has led our country. It also highlights Americans' strong desire to have a responsible, unfettered media that provides truthful, accurate information about the events and issues that shape our lives and our world. Our democracy depends on it.

SummitNet is presented as a special Media Track event of the Boston Social Forum which runs from July 23-25. The forum is designed to showcase the growing impact and rejuvenation of the Progressive movement, organized by a coalition of 70 grassroots organizations. A number of activists who will be attending the Boston Social Forum are Jim Hightower, Robert Reich, Harry Belafonte, Sonia Sanchez, Dennis Kucinich, and others.

For more information about SummitNet04, go to

www.summitnet04.

From: "Dan Merkle" <danm@msfseattle.com>

To: "NW Social Forum \ (E-mail\)" <discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org>

Cc: "Syd Fredrickson \ (E-mail\)" <gogreen@usa.com>

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Hi,

This is a note from Seattle Thunder about their Democracy Festival 2004 on July 31 at Magnuson Park (www.seattlethunder.net). The NWSF will have a table and Syd Fredrickson and Rosalinda Guillen will be presenting a 90 minute workshop on the NWSF to encourage folks to get involved. Please let Syd know if you are able to help staff the table and hand out flyers.

Thanks.

Dan

-----Original Message-----

From: Kendra Williams [mailto:kendrawb@speakeasy.net]

Sent: Friday, July 16, 2004 5:03 PM

To: undisclosed-recipients

Subject: Rolling Thunder Festival July 31 spread the news!

Dear Presenters, Tablers and friends. Please help us spread the word

about the festival by sending this message to your friends and listserves. This is a unique opportunity for the progressive community to come together and to become energized for the work we all have ahead of us. Thank you for your help and your participation. We couldn't do it without you.

Kendra Williams

Seattle Thunder

ROLLING THUNDER HITS SEATTLE

Back in 2002, Michael Moore and Jim Hightower put their heads together and came up with an amazing concept: a travelling celebration of freedom and participatory democracy to help raise awareness around the country and "put the party back in politics." They called it Rolling Thunder.

In just a couple weeks, on Saturday July 31st, Jim Hightower returns to the Pacific Northwest when Seattle Thunder presents Rolling Thunder Democracy Festival 2004 - Bring it on Home! And this time right here in Seattle at beautiful Magnuson Park, at 7400 Sand Point Way NE.

The gates open at noon and the show goes on until 8:00 p.m.

And the cast is nothing short of spectacular:

Hightower himself is joined by Tom Hayden, William Rivers Pitt, Saul Landau, Paul Rogat Loeb, Velma Veloria, Reverend Jeffrey, emcee Sandy Cioffi, and other great speakers.

The music lineup has an emphasis on world music, with hearty doses of folk and funk, featuring international touring acts FRUIT (from

Australia,) Po' Girl (from Vancouver BC,) and Chris Brown & Kate Fenner (from NYC.) Plus regional favorites Paula Maya, Sister Monk Harem, Geoffrey Castle, Grace & Savage, Magdalen Hsu-Li, maarius 81, Jim Hinde, Spyce-E and the Phat Phunk Phamily Band, jimvickdotcombo, and even the Raging Grannies!

PLUS over 30 exciting and informative workshops on topics ranging from the Patriot Act to Blackbox Voting, from Iraq to global warming, from Palestine to economic justice, from labor issues to grocery store activism, and from nuclear waste to solar power!

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW - ONLY \$10 - as sales are limited! Kids under 16 free.

Check our website for online purchase or visit any of a the local businesses listed below to pick them up in person. You'll find complete details and ticket sales info there, along with speakers' biographies, links to artists' websites, and more at www.seattlethunder.net

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206 547-4000

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Book Co

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Seattle

206-547-5970

At the Gate the day of the Event

From: "Sheri Herndon" <sheri@speakeasy.org>

To: "NW Social Forum \ (E-mail\)" <discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org>

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hi everyone,

i have been going through my resource folder on social forums and came acro=

ss this one:

http://www.nycsocialforum.org/sf_first_01/nycrb.html - panel notes with Dennis Brutus (south africa), Muntu Matsimela (black reparations) and Premilla DIXIT (history of social forums).

some great stuff here. yes, it's 2 years old, but there's some excellent information in here about organizing for the forum, the challenges and the opportunities. i think of it as a feedback loop, we can learn from others who have been engaged in this process, these questions. there's also some excellent suggestions that we could integrate, some of which we're already on top of.

Highlights of the ideas / issues brought out in the small group discussions which were shared with the whole group:

=80 How to make the organizing of the NYC Social Forum more diverse and representative of this city, which consists of a population of more than fifty percent people of color.

=80 Idea of having local social forums in our neighborhoods or our local "issue" communities.

=80 Need to work on outreach. Outreach, outreach, outreach!

=80 Healthy debates on the organizing of the main Social Forum and how to keep it diverse.

=80 Concerns about keeping the meetings for the coordinating of the Social Forum fresh and productive.

=80 Concerns of how to get everyone involved although they may not be able to come to all the meetings. The listserv will be heavily used.

=80 Discussion of the agenda for the next organizing meeting. The goal is to meet often to maintain the cohesiveness of the group.

=80 Think of ourselves as our own self-governance.

=80 Awareness that it is often difficult to find the links between issues.

=80 Proposal to form (in the works) an Emergency Response Network in order to be prepared for future crises similar in nature to the events of 9-11.

=80 Goal to meet in Brooklyn in the effort to make our organizing meetings more representative.

=80 Need to listen to each other and understand in order to get folks together.

=80 Discussion of symbols and principles of unity and solidarity.

From: "Dan Merkle" <danm@msfseattle.com>

To: "NW Social Forum \ (E-mail\)" <discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org>

Cc: "Syd Fredrickson \ (E-mail\)" <gogreen@usa.com>,

"Rosalinda Guillen-Moore \ (E-mail\)" <rosalindag@qwest.net>

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Hi,

There have been inquiries about the process and timing relating to the
submittal of proposals for events at the NW Social Forum. The Planning and
Program Committees, the new Event Coordinator, Syd Fredricksen and others
are working on these issues. We have been creating the foundation for the
event (raising funds, securing the venues, hiring an event coordinator,
setting up a new office at SEIU, etc.) and are now ready to move forward
with finalizing the program selection process. As we discussed at the last
Organizing meeting, we hope to put a call out to the NWSF list and other
lists and organizations in the next few weeks setting forth the process and

request for proposals. We have also been researching and learning from the Boston Social Forum (www.bostonsocialforum.org) which has really come together in the last month or so and has a lot to offer. This will be next weekend during the Democratic National Convention. In the meantime, a form has been posted to our website (www.nwsocialform.org) asking for your interests surrounding the NWSF.

In the meantime, please continue to contact others in your networks about getting involved in the planning process. There are active and emerging work groups involving education, farmworkers, sustainable agriculture, independent and alternative media, faith, native american, homeless/affordable housing, women/family issues and youth. There are also work groups in geographic areas and the most advanced at this point is in Bellingham with 6 of their own work groups. They will hopefully be posting their work on the main site so others can get some ideas on how they might want to organize in their area. Rosalinda Guillen (rosalindag@qwest.net) if you have questions on what they are doing. Some of the issue and geographic groups have email lists on the website which you can join. Other groups will be adding their lists and we hope others will step forward soon to form their own email work groups and add their list to the site and encourage others to get involved.

Feel free to contact Syd Fredrichsen (gogreen@usa.com), 206-448-7348 x342) or myself (info below) about the status of the various work groups and opportunities to get more involved. We will

also be discussing these issues at the meeting on Saturday.

Thanks.

Dan Merkle

<mailto:danm@msfseattle.com> danm@msfseattle.com)

206-621-5802

From: "Sheri Herndon" <sheri@speakeasy.org>

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hi everyone,

thought this might be interesting for everyone, to have a window into how t=

he upcoming

world social forum is being organized, as well as the americas social forum=

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i also noticed that in the upcoming social forums, our northwest social for=

um is still not

listed. be good to get us on their list :)

peace,

sheri

participated in WSFs have answered the form, which is available on the site www.consultafsm.org.br.

Through this form we want to get essential information, which is necessary to start the programme and define the next WSF format: the issues, struggles, problems, proposals and challenges that each organisation would like to see discussed in Porto Alegre and the issues, struggles, problems, proposals and challenges that they intend to deal with in workshops, seminars, cultural and artistic activities and other initiatives that they intend to develop.

The answers will constitute an open data bank. Through this database, it will be easily possible to identify the organisations that are interested in each issue, struggle, problem, proposal or challenge, as well as to contact them, drawing up a program for workshops, seminars, cultural and artistic activities and other joined initiatives and even to interlink, from now on, common actions.

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Organizações que gostariam de participar da consulta, mas não têm acesso

internet, poder=3o enviar seus formul=1rios ao Escrit=3rio da Secretaria=3
FSM pelo correio.

Clique e acesse a vers=3o do formul=1rio para impress=3o em PDF - Acroba=3
t ou em Html.

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=3o Paulo-SP =3D Brasil,

at=9 30 de julho.

If you have questions to fill out the form, send an email=

to

fsmconsulta@forumsocialmundial.org.br. See more information on WSF site

2. Call for volunteer interpreters, translators and techn=

icians=20

In 2005, the World Social Forum (WSF) will take place in =

the town of Porto

Alegre. Streets, squares, warehouses and parks will be remodelled as we str=

ive to make a

reality of some of the alternatives that we propose towards another world. =

The WSF

Organising Committee has come up with an even more inclusive and participat=

ory way of

organising the 2005 event. The process aims at increasing participation and= interaction,

not just in the words and the meeting of ideas, but also in the very way th= e Forum is held.

One innovation in this process is the thematic consultation that is already= on line

(www.consultafsm.org.br), which is designed to identify issues, problems, c= hallenges and proposals for WSF 2005.

The work of volunteers is a key component in this advance= , which must comprise, among other things, cultural processes, an environment-friendly a= rchitecture and solidarity economy practices. On this perspective, another important po= licy decision was that all translation-related work involving translators, interpreters a= nd technicians will be volunteer and that the related equipment will involve solidarity ec= onomy and freeware. All of this reinforces the idea tha this work is no longer a =B3s= ervice=B2 to be contracted, but rather an endeavour of convergence and activism: greater di= versity of languages will lead to broader representation of cultures and thus greater = participation.

In order to ensure simultaneous and written translation and the related technical support during WSF 2005, some 1400 people will be necessary. We are making the following assumptions:

- The work should be 100% volunteer
- Priority will be given to volunteers from the region (Brazil and neighbouring countries)

- Official languages now number 12: Spanish, English, French, Portuguese, Arabic, Chinese, Russian, Hindi, Telegu, Japanese, Quechua, Swahili and, if possible, Korean and Thai.

- This call relates exclusively to the WSF 2005 event. Other parallel events, although related to the WSF, are not included.

We call on people who, in addition to their mother tongue, have a command of another language, and particularly professional translators and interpreters willing to work on a volunteer basis as part of their militancy in support of a movement towards another world and against war. In order to work as a volunteer during the W=

SF 2005

event, you should be available for at least 8 days: from January 24 to 31, =
2005 (from the
beginning of the event to the end). We want to encourage local volunteers t=
o take part, in
addition to providing solidarity accommodation and meals. Written translati=
on, on the
other hand, can be done with no need for the people involved to be physical=
ly present at
the event.=20

The World Social Forum Organising Committee invites you t=
o take part in one
of the most challenging experiences since the inception of the World Social=
Forum. Your
participation is essential. By translating the discussions at the WSF, you =
will be making it
possible for more than 100,000 to take an active part, regardless of their =
mastery of
foreign languages.

You can register as a volunteer through the Babels or Nom=
ad networks,
depending on your availability, willingness and skills.

If you would like to offer volunteer simultaneous interpr=
etation or written

translation, please register via the website www.babels.org/registration =

=AD click on fsm-wsf

2005 (interpreters) or transtrad (written translation).

Contact addresses:

Argentina =AD fsm-argentina@babels.org

Brazil =AD fsm-sul@babels.org and fsm-norte@babels.org

Colombia =AD fsm-colombia@babels.org

Peru =AD fsm-peru@babels.org

Uruguay =AD fsm-uruguay@babels.org

United States =AD fsm-usa@babels.org

Africa =AD fsm-africa@babels.org

Europe =AD fsm-europa@babels.org

If there is no contact in your region yet, please do not =

hesitate to write to

poa2005@babels.org.

If you would like to work as a volunteer with translation=

equipment, please

register via the website <http://www.apo33.org/open-nomad/>

In the WSF framework, Nomad proposes alternative techniqu=

es for equipping

the conference rooms for simultaneous translation. There are two fundamental

components to Nomad's plans: voice transmission in conference rooms and dig=

italisation

of voice signals, all of which will be done in keeping with the spirit of freeware: by

collaboration and shared knowledge. These tasks involve working with:

- FM radio transmitters
- Audio equipment (mixer stations, cabling)
- Electromagnetic transmission using copper cables
- Software and computers (C language in Linux / Developing GUI interfaces /

Experiences with processing digitalised sound)

Contact: send a blank message to nomad-poa2005-subscribe@apo33.org.

Questions and information: nomad-poa2005@apo33.org

For further information on the WSF: www.forumsocialmundial.org.br . Any

doubts, write to: fsmtradesp@forumsocialmundial.org.br

3. Youth Camp

The Intercontinental Youth Camp Organising Committee (IYCOC) has some

commissions now; five of them are already set: Planning and Infrastructure, Mobilization,

Environmental, Communication and Culture. They are all open and may incorporate new

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individuals and organisations.

The next meeting of IYCOC is to take place on July 17, at

Parque Harmonia,

Porto Alegre, at 2pm. Those who are interested in participating in the comm=

issions may

write to acampamento@acampamentofsm.org or go to the IYCOC meeting. For more

information: <http://www.acampamentofsm.org/>.

4. Americas Social Forum

Over 700 organisations have already registered to take pa=

rt in Americas Social

Forum =AD which will take place between July 25 and 30, 2004, in Quito, Ecu=

ador.

Registration fee is US\$ 50 per organisation, which includes the participati=

on of 1 delegate

(extra delegates must pay US\$ 25 each) and between US\$ 1 and US\$ 5 per indi=

vidual

(according to what the participant can afford). See more information in the=

following link

<http://www.forosocialamericas.org/cuotas.php>

Venue

Most of the events will take place between Avenida 12 de =

Octubre and Avenida

PEtria (Center-North). Quito's Website offers a map with the hotels and accommodation localization (www.quito.gov.ec). You can get more general information on the city (such as visas, accommodation, money, weather, etc) on ASF site, in the following link:

<http://www.forosocialamericas.org/llegada.php>.

Programme

The timetable of self-organised events proposed for the Americas Social Forum is available on the Forum's Website now (www.forosocialamericas.org). You will get to know the programme of these events in detail in the beginning of July.

The ASF programme is grouped in five thematic axes:

Axle 1 =AD The economic order: human and environmental impoverishment, debts, corruption, total market; the public space and economic rights; reproductive economy. Resistance, views of the future and the construction of alternative models.

Axle 2 =AD The violent face of the neo-liberal project: imperial hegemony, militarism, strategic control over biodiversity, sexist violence. Resistance and the emergence of new subjects.

Axle 3 =AD Power, democracy and the State: changes, conti-

nunity and views of the
future.

Axle 4 =AD Cultures and communication: resistance, memory=
, construction of
identities; spaces and practice of creation; critical and alternative langu=
ages;
democratizing communication.

Axle 5 - Indigenous peoples and African descendents: ter=
ritories; autonomy;
diversity and multiculturalism; knowledge and intellectual property.

Click here to check also the sub-axles.

The activities are organisad in central (proposed by the =
event=B9s organisers):
conferences, panels and testimonies, and self-organised (proposed by regist=
ered
organisations): workshops and seminars. See more details and explanations o=
n each kind
of event in the following link: [http://www.forosocialamericas.org/ejes_pt.p=](http://www.forosocialamericas.org/ejes_pt.php)
hp See also the
programme timetable of self-organised activities in the link:
http://www.forosocialamericas.org/fsa/tabela_eventos_lista.php?idioma=3D4

Youth Camp in Quito

Registration for the Youth Camp is open now. The event wi=
ll take place between
July 22 and 24. By registering you can use the Camp facilities up to June 3=

0. For further

information, write to campamentojuv@fsmecuador.org.

Volunteers

The ASF Organising Committee, together with the international network

Babels, is calling all interested in participating in the event as volunteers translators and

interpreters. The main languages are English, Spanish, Portuguese, French and Quechua.

For more information, write to foroamericas@fsmecuador.org, subject: "Translators and interpreters".

Other connected Forums in Quito

Besides the Americas Social Forum, there will be two other connected events:

Local Authorities Forum (July 25 and 26) and Inter-parliamentary Forum (July 27 and 28).

5. Social Forums around the world

JULY

Social Forum Ivory Coast

Date: July from 16 to 19, 2004

Venue: Yamoussoukro (Politic Capital), Ivory Coast

Information, contact:

* Mr OUATTARA Diakalia

E-mail: forumsocialivoirien2002@yahoo.fr

Phone: +225 22 47 50 54 / 07 08 95 23

* Mme KONE Solange

E-mail: forumsocialivoirien2002@yahoo.fr

Phone: +225 22 47 50 54 / 07 70 18 18

Boston Social Forum

Date: July 23 to 25, 2004

Venue: Boston, EUA

Website: <http://www.bostonsocialforum.org>

E-mail: Info@BostonSocialForum.org

Morocco Social Forum

Date: from July 27 to 29, 2004

Venue: Rabat, Morocco

Website: www.forumsocialmaroc.org

III World Education Forum

Date: July 28 to 31, 2004

Venue: Porto Alegre, Brazil

Website: www.forumsocialmundialdeeducacao.com.br

E-mail: organizacao@forumsocialmundialdeeducacao.com.br

AUGUST=20

Peru Social Forum

Date: June from 20 to 24, 2004

Venue: Tambogrande (Piura), Peru

Site: <http://www.forosocialperu.web1000.com/>

Thematic Social Forum - "Culture and Utopia: Peace Spaces"

Date: August from 14 to 16, 2004

Venue: Bogota, Colombia

Email: culturayutopia@yahoo.es

Colombia Social Forum

Date: August from 17 to 22, 2004

Venue: Bogota, Colombia

Email: culturayutopia@yahoo.es

SEPTEMBER

Sydney Social Forum

Date: from September 17 to 19, 2004

Venue: University of Technology, Sydney, Australia

Website: <http://www.sydney-socialforum.org>

E-mail: Info@SydneySocialForum.org

NOVEMBER

Chile Social Forum

Date: November 19 to 21, 2004

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8. Call to Action

JULY=20

Ministerial Meeting of FTAA negotiating - Brazil

(city and date to be set)

OURMedia IV Conference

Date: from July 22 to 25, 2004

Venue: Porto Alegre, Brazil

Website: <http://www.ourmedianet.org>

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Indigenous People Continental Summit

Date: July 21 to 25, 2004

Venue: Quito, Ecuador

Organisation: CONAIE, Ecuarunari (Ecuador) and COICA

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OCTOBER

Mobilization against WTO Ministerial Meeting=20

Date: October, 2004

Venue: Hong Kong, China

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Hi,

This is an important event on Saturday after our NWSF Organizing meeting.

We have received permission to have our own outreach table (we have to bring

our own table) at the rally and we can also hand out flyers. This will be

our best opportunity to reach the individual members of the progressive

labor community. I hope we can get a group to head over after our meeting.

Dan

tell the nation's governors to put people first!

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Park Seattle

featured speaker :Congressmember Dennis Kucinich

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<<http://www.wslc.org/photos/temp/04ppf-rally.pdf>> The Governors are coming

(including Jeb, Arnold, and our own Gary)... and they are going to get an

earful. This month, all fifty Governors are meeting in Seattle with federal

officials and corporate CEOs to discuss priorities of government. Join us to

deliver the message that public-centered priorities must come first! We're

fighting for:

* Affordable health care for everyone

* Educational opportunities for all

* No outsourcing of public jobs and services

* Corporate accountability

* Budget priorities that benefit working families, immigrants, undocumented workers and the poor

TAKE ACTION: We need volunteers for a rally-turnout phone bank on Tuesday, July 13 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Seattle Labor Temple, 2800 1st Ave. in the AFL-CIO offices on the 2nd floor. Call (206) 441-4969 , if you can volunteer. In addition, please download, distribute and post the rally flier (in PDF format) to spread the word about this important event.

The rally and march is permitted and family-friendly. Featured rally speakers include Congressman Dennis Kucinich and Gerald McEntee, President of the public employee union AFSCME. Plus music, spoken word poetry, festival games and more!

Background

The National Governors Association is coming to Seattle on July 17 for its annual meeting. The Put People First Rally supports the following priorities:

- * Affordable, comprehensive health care for all
- * Create educational opportunities for present and future generations
- * Stop outsourcing state jobs at taxpayer expense
- * Hold corporations accountable for tax breaks and subsidies they receive
- * Create budget priorities that assist poor and working families, including immigrants and undocumented workers, and provide assistance to the vulnerable in our communities

Planning and Participating Organizations: Washington Federation of State Employees/AFSCME, Washington State Jobs With Justice, King County Labor Council, Washington Citizen Action, Washington State Labor Council, Washington Alliance of Technology Workers/CWA, Teamsters 117, UFCW 1105, AFGE 3197, ILWU 19, Community Alliance for Global Justice, Roofers Local

153, Puget Sound Alliance for Retired Americans, SPEEA/IFPTE, Peoples Coalition for Justice, Casa Latina, Welfare Rights Organizing Coalition, El Centro de la Raza, UAW 4121, Association of Flight Attendants Council 10, Reclaim the Media and others.

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2004 UPCOMING ACTIONS

Healthcare Workers are Taking a Stand for Affordable Health Benefits

Wednesday, July 14th at 6 pm - Rally and March to Group Health Cooperative

Board of Trustees Meeting (meet at Taylor & John Streets)

Group Health is demanding that its SEIU 1199 caregivers accept major cuts to their own health benefits while providing quality healthcare services to GHC patients. Tell Group Health that we won't allow them to take family health benefits away from healthcare workers.

The Governors Are Coming! - Tell them to Put People First!!

Rally and March on Saturday, July 17th at 1:30 pm at Westlake Park

The National Governors Association is coming to Seattle for their annual meeting. Join us to send them the message that the priorities of the people come first.

Not a member of WA State Jobs with Justice? It's free!

Take the pledge and add your voice to over 4,000 other individuals in Washington who have pledged to "Be There" 5 times in the upcoming year in support of struggles other than their own:

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Hi,

The NWSF Organizing meeting this Saturday, July 17 will be at the Teamsters Hall (location of the last meeting) at 522 Denny Way just a few blocks southeast of the southeast corner of the Seattle Center. The work group meetings will start at 10:00 a.m. and the general meeting will following the work group meetings at 11:00 or 11:30. Many of us will then go to the labor rally and march which starts at 1:30 at Westlake Park in downtown Seattle. Dennis Kucinich is one of the keynote speakers. This will be a good opportunity for the NWSF to do outreach with the labor community.

The meeting at the Teamsters office will be in the same room in the basement. The entrance is via the parking lot on the west side of the 2 Teamsters buildings and its in the building on the south side of the parking lot. There are some free spots on the street outside the building and there is a free Teamsters parking lot to the east of the Teamsters buildings.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Dan

From: "Dan Merkle" <danm@msfseattle.com>

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Subject: [discussion] Co-opportunities conference in 2001/Program is attached

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Hi,

Attached is the Program for the Co-Opportunities Conference that Syd Fredrichsen coordinated in 2001 at Seattle Center. This model should help provide some ideas for the NWSF program.

Dan

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Hi,

Attached is the flyer for the labor rally and march on Saturday, July 17 at 1:30 p.m. at Westlake Mall in downtown Seattle. Set forth below is the resolution adopted by the King County Labor Council supporting this event. I hope some folks can make the rally and march after our NWSF Organizing meeting at 9:30.

Dan

From: "Dan Merkle" <danm@msfseattle.com>

To: "NW Social Forum \ (E-mail\)" <discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org>

Cc: "Syd Fredrickson \ (E-mail\)" <gogreen@usa.com>

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Hi,

We are postponing the NWSF Organizing meeting scheduled for this Saturday, July 10 until the following Saturday, July 17 at 9:30 a.m. The NWSF has hired an experienced event coordinator and organizer, Syd Fredricksen, to take the lead on the event planning for the NWSF on Oct. 15-17, 2004. Syd was the lead organizer of the "Co-Opportunities Northwest - A Sustainable Communities Conference" which was held almost a few years ago in the Northwest Rooms at Seattle Center (the main venue for the NWSF). I will forward a copy of their program schedule which has a similar format and set of principles as the NWSF. Syd has also organized other large events. We are excited to have Syd on board. Syd's email address is above if you want to contact her.

One of the reasons for having the next Organizing meeting on July 17 is to show support for labor's big rally and march against the National Governor's Conference. The rally begins at 1:30 p.m. at Westlake Park in downtown Seattle. This will be an important opportunity for the NWSF to support the progressive labor community and its issues (the theme of the rally is "Put People First"). And it will be a good opportunity for the NWSF to do outreach to the progressive labor community.

Our Organizing meeting on July 17 will start at 9:30 a.m. with break-out meetings for the various work groups until 10:30 or 11:00 and a general meeting until noon or so. This will give folks an opportunity to get lunch and then join the labor rally and march if they would like. We are working on getting a venue and we hope to have a spot near downtown to make it convenient for the labor event.

There continues to be a lot of momentum. The folks at the International Forum on Globalization are still very excited about having a kick-off event on Thursday, Oct. 16 to open the NWSF and they hope to have at least 6 of their speakers attend the event and possibly more. They would also be available for the plenaries. The education, homeless and affordable housing, farmworker and faith working groups are all making a lot of progress. If you have updates on your organizing, feel free to send an update to the list or forward it to me and I will send it in the next note. We hope to have regular updates and/or email newsletters starting in the next week or 2.

Thanks.

Dan Merkle

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Greetings all NWSF participants. I realize that these minutes are enormously long. I have a hard time scaling down minutes but at this stage in organizing and with some of us coming from far away distances, details

and concerns may be important for people working on various aspects of the forum. I have also attached the minutes as a word doc but am not sure if they will go through the list serve. (I am on a MAC so if you are on a PC definitely screen them before opening them.)

NEXT SEATTLE NWSF MEETING:

July 10th, 10 am =AD 2 pm, same format

Venue: TBA (has this been confirmed?)

Facilitator: Cindy

Solidarity,

Sara Dent

Vancouver Community Social Forum

June 11th, 2004, 10 am =AD 2 pm

North West Social Forum Organizing Meeting

Teamsters Vision Center

Seattle, WA

Facilitator: Dan Merkle, NWSF Planning Committee

Agenda

Report Back from Work Groups

Report Back from Regional / Issue Liaisons

Identification of Organizations for Outreach

Attendance

See Contact List

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Minutes

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REPORT BACK FROM WORK GROUPS

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Opener

Absent:=20

Lucilene Lira (Friends of MST, Brazilian Landless Workers Movement)

Rosalinda Guillen (Farm Workers Solidarity Work, Yes Magazine)

Shelly Vendiola (Indigenous Women=B9s Network, currently in South Dakota at
National Indigenous Environmental Conference)

Program Committee=20

Adopted Americas Social Forum Application Form for NWSF Application Form.

Proposed registration deadline for organizations programming workshops:

September 1.

International Forum on Globalization (IFG) Thursday, October 14.

Need for promo materials: NWSF one sheet, posters, brochures, flyers.

Distribute as part of a bigger process.

Need for website software / event management software to manage registration process. Process contingent on staff / volunteer resources and structure of registration system.

Interim website solution via Samantha / Project Alchemy: adapt survey web surface to registration form, info comes in and can be downloaded into spreadsheet database, \$20 per month.

Sourcing organization to donate web / event management software.

Sheri has non-profit, free software contact.

Call-out for proposals, aiming for July 1st (contingent on website capabilities).

Discretion regarding groups who should or should not participate? Groups must sign on to / agree to charter of principles of NWSF. Programming committee will need to approve workshops that are proposed.

Potential for registration to be tiered process: 1) organizations register
2) post-registration event proposals.

Concern: groups / organizations that have not been outreached to yet and time for registration and program submission short.

Concern: September 1 deadline too early? September 15 recommended. Schools and youth just back in session. If web database registration system set up properly then can pre-set to download straight into a program format for printing. (WSF lucky to have program even day before event.)

Concern: difficulty plugging into current NWSF website for info and working groups, accessibility to relevant info necessary to facilitate participation.

Communications should be up to speed soon. One =AD two paid staff by July = 1.

Outreach materials to be translated into a number of different languages. Prioritize languages that represent the largest groups. There may be an organization donating this service. Also will need translation at event, need assistance coordinating this.

Process of registration part of outreach, and which communities can be contacted (especially communities of color, immigrants, poor, etc.).

For anybody going to Americas Forum, please bring back a copy of the registration form.=20

Website

Currently juggling how to get the best website set up for use-ability.

Ideally site would have a database that could support multiple work groups.

Better if people have information going directly to them via mail serves than having to check site. Issue of expense, web engine needed to do the above is @ \$5000. Initially there was an organization to donate this, not

happening now. Are other options but will be less user friendly.

Please send any updates / info to Corey: corey@nwsocialforum.org.

Looking for IT / web skilled people to join web work group.

Ideal to have point person in each work group who looks after web content in relation to that group.

Corey able to teach people how to upload themselves or will do.

Feedback welcome.

Awaiting Roger Fernandez's NWSF logo.

John Rammer from Planet Works (develops technology for social change / networking) to meet Samantha from Project Alchemy regarding resources including event management tools.

Samantha wants to set up donate button on web.

Need up and coming organizing meetings to be front and center on website.

Need for list serves for working groups.

Can use restricted access area of website for list of organizations, contact info.

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Media

Media workgroup focus on four different areas:

Outreach (includes publicity and getting word out to alternative media)

Programming (NWSF events, Media Summit)

Capacity Building (NWSF, convergence media centre)

Archiving (at event for web archives and other)

Potential to adopt common working lexicon for workgroups (like 4 categories above) in different regions to tap into a communications structure towards the above four ends. Create some sense of infrastructure as well as conserve energy by not inventing the wheel. Sharing resources, etc.

Seattle Media NWSF workgroup underway. Listserv set-up, people need to sign on, should be used as an organizing and archiving tool so that new members can get past history.

Sara working on NWSF media contacts info base in excel.

Organized according to State / Province, City / Town / Area, Alternative / Mainstream / Indigenous, Print / Broadcast / Web, etc. Possibility to create other categories for media designations. Please send media contact info to:
vcsf_media@telus.net

Concern expressed regarding ghettoizing media as a separate event (i.e. Media Summit) as media / communications part of every issue. Do we want a

separate track for it or do we have another strategy for bringing these issues into organizations / work groups to raise consciousness about how we tell stories, where info comes from=8A.

Concern expressed regarding lack of clarity for organizing, lot of good work happening, need to not duplicate mistakes, ensure that the correct info gets out to assist people beginning convening meetings.

Homeless Issues Newspaper (workshop at Forum)

Susan Gleason: Seattle Media group (met May 23rd), initial outreach for media programming, screenings, networking events on table, media democracy coffee club, need to make contact with other NWSF regions, next planning meeting for Media related programming, Monday, June 14th, 6:00 pm, 911 media arts, on-going.

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Volunteer Coordination

Volunteer Coordination, three people agreed to work on (Shanti from Port Tamson, Olympic Peninsula, will do outreach in area and MAC work group

Recommended to contact high schools for student volunteers (community service credits)

Venue

Seattle Center, deposit down, reserved North West rooms for three days (Fri =AD Sun). 7-8 rooms, capacity 3000, can be used in different configurations.

Discussion for Center House (has food court, stage, tables, open area).

International Women=B9s Conference (Cindy liaison), have access to four conference rooms, mural amphitheatre if weather good (3000 capacity), need proposal for this, donating space for free, programming needs to be family friendly, free for public, no nudity. Hold on Fisher Pavillion (Thurs =AD Fri), 1000 capacity, possibly venue for IFG (better to have 2000 capacity). Key arena held for Friday if can get band to headline. 10 different venues near Seattle Centre for satellite events (or self-organized events). Need for spaces to host workshops (5 =AD 25 capacity).

Vicky contacting Executive Director of North West Folk Light, can give info regarding event / program management, need somebody from Logistics to come to meeting.

Teamsters Hall, Labor Temple, at least 25-30 spaces.

Sacred Heart Church, 8,000 sq. feet.

Caution regarding Seattle Center, may charge for every piece of space used.

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Finances

Bare bones budget: \$100,000, dream budget @ \$250,000, raised \$80,000

(Margaret Casey Foundation, Ford Foundation, New World), \$30,000 of that for travel, \$50,000 for operations.

Will continue to work with foundations and individual donations, please contact Kirsta Camenzind: kcamenzind@w-link.net regarding any leads on funds.=20=20

Solidarity fund.

Registration Fees: people can register and pay double to support somebody else.

Use some travel money for registration fees.

Budget contingent on registration fees.

Proposed fees:=20

Individual: \$20 early registration / \$25 late

Group Discount: 5 =AD 9 people \$15 early / \$20 late

Group Discount: 12 =AD 20 people \$12 early / \$20 late

Group Discount: 20 or more people \$10 early / \$20 late

Workshop Registration: \$100 for 1 1/2 hour block (includes one individual registration fee), \$200 for 3 hour block (includes two individual registration fees)

Every individual has to register, register before workshop registration, workshops free to participants, charge to host

Concern regarding these fees being too costly, that many groups could not

afford it.

July 1 deadline to finalize this information. Potential for sliding scale.

Recommended that solidarity fund be used to support all aspects of need:

travel, registration fees, accommodations, etc.

Recommended that extreme sliding scale be set-up according to organizations

annual income.

Foundation funds to come late, registration funds necessary for operations.

Organizations will want to know what programming is already on the table

before getting involved or knowing how to plug in.

Sheri has contacts for funding, needs copy of proposal. Met philanthropist

in SF interested in sponsoring billboards.

Fundraising materials need more meat for continued solicitation of funds,

show what content areas NWSF will be working towards.

Idea to get organizations working with each other before event to amalgamate

programming initiatives.

Need to have outreach done before registration announced (create buzz in

community about what event is first).

Outreach identified as biggest work group issue due to lack of. Needs to be prioritized. However, outreach also naturally part of what people are doing now in their work.

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Food

Food court in fair center, ideal to have organic food prepared by various communities.

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Billeting

Whoever is doing volunteer coordination may want to look into setting up billeting system, aid people to have access to cheap or free accommodations while in Seattle, builds community.

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Tabling

Proposed fee of \$50 for tabling for weekend. Will need to register for conference.

Concern that some people will only want to table and should not have to register for conference (artisans, etc.)

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Tent City

Tent City organizers dream to have Tent City Conference in October, hope to plug into NWSF, will ask permission to set up on grass at Seattle Center.

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Music, Art, Culture (MAC)

Dan contacting agents for big groups, Bob Seigle: bob@msfseattle.com

chairing MAC work group.

Looking into Safe Co fields.

Street March proposed for Saturday afternoon from Seattle Center to Fields.

Speaking with various agents regarding headline bands. Critical to get diverse music groups to be part of.

Key Arena, 6000 capacity.

Rice Baker trying to organize Seattle International Hip Hop Summit,

Brazilian hip hoppers.

Folk Summit

SNOW Coalition, could use NWSF to revitalize momentum.

Frank Zucker

Damon Bradely

Need intern assistance to keep communications going in this area.

Utah Philips, Jim Paige would like to be involved.

Slater Kenny, potential band.

Need to focus on cultural based arts and music.

Permission asking necessary of indigenous folks for use of their land for social justice movement.

Indigenous performance.

Street poet showcase, interactive areas (mural making, crafts, poetry, open mic).

Can rent curtain trailers that are pulled by trucks to be used as spontaneous performance areas.

Capital Hill, 400 capacity theatre, interest in involvement. Need to identify cultural centers out there and get them involved. Many people will not come to Seattle Center, good to have events in communities.

Theatre of Oppression

Tribes Project

Poets Against War

Tim Harris of Real Change Street Newspaper. Idea to hook Real Change up with Newspaper Guild.

Hazelwolf Environmental Film Network

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Staff

Hiring delayed due to non-confirmation of funds. Ready to move forward.

Six applications for Coordinator Position. Aim to hire two people. July 1 deadline for first employee. Volunteers needed to support.

SCI Local 6, Denny Way, agreed to provide office space for free, access to Internet, different phone lines, two parking spots (free after business hours to park). Will meet again to discuss copying fees, etc. Large room in basement. SCI also endorses NWSF.

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REPORT BACK FROM REGIONAL / ISSUE LIAISONS

Outreach

Many folk outreaching on their own. Please contact if need any info.

Bob: focus on API community, African American community, great feedback, most organizations interested. International District Housing Association, concept for low-income / homeless housing summit, idea to convene working group around this. Asian Pacific Summit, had table at. Booth rented at Seattle Thunder Project (July 31), need help at this event. Asian Pacific Alliance and Directors Coalition. Using NWSF package for outreach.

(): UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, exciting buzz re: NWSF

River Valley, National gathering of watershed conservations from around US, Tribal Caucus, trying to organize tribal water summit to be launched at NWSF

Whatcom-Skagit, difficulty getting Native peoples out to organizing meeting.

Shelly and Rosalinda working towards going into communities to host organizing meetings there.

Seattle Action Labor Network, 174 has endorsed, some labor folk interested, trying to get concerted effort. Labor focus on getting out vote to defeat current government.

Sarah Lutherans: LGBT potluck last month, another next month, booking NWSF table at Pride, allies in Seattle gay news.

Fran: Rosalinda working with farm workers, idea to have a march to NWSF from Canadian border. Working towards sustainable connections (local economy development), panels to be put forward of locally rooted agriculture.

Sheri: working with intentional communities to plant seeds, idea to get facilitators on board to help with NWSF events. Spoken with: Freemont Arts Council (flyers to be taken to parade), environmental groups in NW network, Planet Works in San Francisco, Power of Hope (youth group), professors at Central Community College

Derrick: Mike Smith from _____ regarding 3 workshops at NWSF: Strategic, Local and Regional Organizing

Lynne: Capital Hill Neighbors, Snow Group, anti-war movement outreach necessary; workshop at Seattle Thunder on guerrilla art to create buzz, get artists involved

Michael: Church Council endorsed NWSF, lots of education outreach to do in religions community; Immigrant Worker Freedom Committee, Washington Sustainable Food Network, Jubilee West, etc.

Trish: Vancouver Community Social Forum (VCSF) post-phoned plans for local SF, goal to act as network liaisons for NWSF and work towards a BCSF for spring of 2005, will begin development of local media coverage of NWSF

Sara: VCSF, outreach throughout BC, Council of Canadians (CoC) regional

offices throughout province, get word out to small communities, CoC to develop workshop on Deep Integration issue of Canada into the States; need to work towards cross-border programming; each member of VCSF taking on different issue area, idea that NWSF organizers can work with these different people to develop programming

Dan: question regarding BC hosting next NWSF

Sara: not considering as Social Forum also young in Canada, great need in BC to have a local forum for the province; organizers strapped due to deregulation of province, neo-liberalism and assimilation into States

Cindy: Cuban Solidarity Movement to utilize forum to raise issues of invasion, Cuban Film Festival, cultural work and workshops, connections between Haiti, Cuba, Iraq; Women=B9s Agenda, Center House for family and children issues (peace and children)

Dan: presentation made to Seattle Human Services Coalition and King County Human Services Alliance (represents over 300 organizations), goal to move social service community towards more social change issues; outreach to White Center, Advocates Project, working in 35 immigrant communities; Center for Social Justice, working with youth groups, July 31, juvenile justice, 12 =AD 5 pm, Garfield Center; Jobs for Justice (lead US organization working with WSF IC, taking lead on US Social Forum); David Bloom and Paul Benes, social justice ministers in Faith Community, David convening third Homeless Conference; ABCS Radio, volunteer producer program, exploring SF programming

every day to get work out, try to build network for community stations in
NWSF, KVS create content, push it out to smaller station without capacity to
produce it, get info out

First phase of communications imperative to go out to media in communities
we want to be involved.

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IDENTIFICATION OF ORGANIZATIONS FOR OUTREACH

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Organizations and Outreach

- 1) Build organizations database: identification of all organizations out there for contact, build database from this, get more info on who to do outreach with, especially for first wave, build on communications established, start process of gathering this info on-line, contacts can be turned over or one can continue to liaison with this group
- 2) Build individuals database, have 3000 =AD 5000 individuals to get weekly updates

Idea to do this before call out for workshops.

Please help to build this collectively.

Access already existing databases. Rolling Thunder and 50 other projects out there to participate in this, networks of networks. Focus on grass root

groups first, highlight their work. Then info sent out to groups who aren't

really

really doing social change work but political work.

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Final Points

Need for one sheets of various organizational areas of the forum (website use, point person, how it works, outreach work groups, media, etc.).

Good to send out organizing summaries from meetings, maintains momentum.

Need to overcome technical issues to move forward, not much time.

NWSF Coordinator to help alleviate organizational issues.

Recommended use of flip charts for next meeting.

Next Seattle NWSF Meeting: July 10th, 10 am - 2 pm, same format

Venue: TBA

Facilitator: Cindy

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Each working group, organizing team, or network can now have their own email list - check out the website.

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If you would like to request a new list, sign up for one here:

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Thanks!

- Samantha

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Far away from home

The problem of migration became the focus of attention at the Americas Social Forum, through a continental call against xenophobia: we are all foreigners!

By Rita Freire

Each hour, 58 people leave Latin America and the Caribbean, running away from misery, or dreaming of better salaries to send money to the family that will remain at home. The participants of the Hemispheric Day of Migration Policies, held during the Americas Social Forum, in Quito, Ecuador, assessed that immigrants flow in the region is so intense, that it is not possible to analyze the effects of economical globalizations on the continent, without understanding the causes of such a flow.

The auditorium of Flacso (Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences) was crowded during one of the debates of that day. It confirmed that migrations were one of the most mobilizing issues of Quito's Forum. "We are all foreigners. No xenophobia" was the motto that leaded seminars, conferences and thematic debates, and showed the main intersection between peoples displacement and neoliberal globalization: inflated ethnic and racial hatred to facilitate the denial of rights, and economic exploitation, as well as exclusion of those "undesirables".

In the Forum, xenophobia was described as one of the walls that are built to avoid peoples' freedom of movement, while their countries' wealth move from one place to other, and capital demands the fall of those barriers that finds in its trip.

A sick joke

The migratory phenomenon due to economical reasons is not only based in just one reason. According to Jos? Nuñez, director of the Jesuit Service of Migration of Dominican Republic, one of the causes of the saddest migration, clandestine migration, is the "closet" need of cheap and unprotected labor force in developed countries. And as he says, there are some countries that depend on its citizens living abroad to activate its economy. Nuñez considers that Mexicans living in USA are sending home Usd 15 billion per year. For other smaller countries, such as Guatemala and Colombia, these remittances are a key part of national incomes.

The amount of remittance is not that high if it is compared with what is produced and offered to those countries where Latin American and Caribbean people are living. According to Luiz Bassegio, national secretary of the Pastoral Service of Migrants, the work of those 16,7 million immigrants in USA, generates around Usd 450 billion dollars. Only Usd 30 billion returns to immigrants' homeland: only the 6,6% of the amount, says Bassegio.

Compulsory destinations

Taking into consideration fugitives from misery and those people running away from areas of armed conflict, there was a major restructuring of world population, during the last ten years, with results that are difficult to measure: some 25 million babies were born out of their parents' homeland, according to Jos? Rojas. Community and family ties are broken due to forced mi-

gration. Latin American people represent a high amount of these displacements: some 500 thousand people leave the continent each year, feeding the contingent of 175 million world migrants. 25 million of them are in the condition of internal homeless.

?Where to go? usually is not a free choice of the person who is leaving the country ? most of them are going to USA or Spain, which are countries where immigrants strongly participate in the informal economy, or to other countries in Latin America. Internal displacements are important, as well. In Quito, was reminded, that most of those persons that leave Latin America ? many of them trying an adventure to arrive to USA ? many times disappear in the trip. Another part of them, becomes the target of exploitation or discrimination in the countries chosen to settle. Blanca Chancoso points out, that these people are working without legal guarantees and that they are persecuted for their condition.

A dog's life

The sentence ?Animals or Jewish are forbidden? written in a shop, in Roberto Benigni's movie ?Life is beautiful? (La vita ? bella), is just a sample of nazi cruelty. According to Oscar Chac?n, from USA, in the last century, it was considered normal in his country, if shops posted this kind of bills, with the aim of keeping animals and immigrants away.

These kinds of bills were avoided, but cruelty remains in laws and conditions that surround foreigners. In the USA, immigrants are treated as criminals or, in the last years, as potential terrorists, complaints Chacon. ?Migra-

tions always existed? says Jos? Nu|ez. But rules have changed, now are stro=
nger. Borders control forces clandestine migration, preventing official rec=
ognition of foreigners. In other words, they remain unprotected.

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This is the main announcement list and is not a list to get into the specifics of a particular track. Now that there is some interest on events involving challenging corporate power, I will set up an email list for this and add the folks who have expressed interest (other lists that are already set up include food justice, education, homelessness, spirit and action and others). If anyone else is interested in joining the challenging corporate power list, please let me know and/or sign up for this email list on the site (www.nwsocialforum.org <<http://www.nwsocialforum.org>>). Dana Gold from Seattle University Law School and Jacqui Brown Miller are planning on putting on some workshops and maybe a large panel.

Regarding the next organizing meeting, it is this Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at the Teamsters Hall on Denny. A reminder with more information will be sent in the next day or 2 and will be posted on the site.

Dan

-----Original Message-----

From: Todd Boyle [mailto:tboyle@rosehill.net]

Sent: Monday, August 09, 2004 1:15 PM

To: Yaney Maciver

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hi,

aka "sharing our interests"

it's been great to see the discussion on corporate personhood and get a fee=

l for what's out there. i would like to see this in all the areas and have=

a more concrete sense of what kind of networking is currently happening and how we can all build on that.

i want to know how we can do MORE of this online in a pre-conference self-organizing way. what we currently have is the "share your interest" link which is a form which goes to the organizers who then will get back to you and hook people up.

i have a suggestion.

i've just been in touch with the conference organizers for planetnetwork in sf (www.planetwork.net). they had a fabulous resource for helping people social network leading up to their may 2004 conference. it was called InterAction. it helped everyone network in their own social circles as well as cross pollinate in other networks and discover common ground with others.

here's a brief description:

"The InterActive is an experiment designed to provide participants with conditions to discover fresh ideas and tools to facilitate new ways of working together; to strengthen shared interests and activity while helping to realize our larger goal of an emergent truly democratic global society."

he has graciously offered to help set something up for our conference and gave us several options for how we could do it (either we take the tools and put it on our own site, or they can host a page for this on their site). dan is good friends with jim, the founder of planetnetwork, so he's excited to

offer their tools for this project.

their conference of course is quite different in many respects from the news=
f, but you can get the idea from these links:

these few links can give you an idea of how it works:

overview:

<http://www.planetwork.net/2004conf/interactive/rankings.html>

shared interests:

<http://www.planetwork.net/2004conf/interactive/interest.html>

submitting proposal ideas:

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describing yourself:

<http://www.planetwork.net/2004conf/interactive/describe.html>

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i hope we'll explore these possibilities.

as someone who was a participant at the conference, it was exciting to see =
how this grew day by day leading up to the conference. it also helped peop=
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ch for the work that is happening in the nwsf.

i have other links to share with any of the web/tech team and organizers if= they are interested in facilitating this for the nwsf, and can put them di= rectly in touch with jim from planetnetwork.

peace,

sheri

From: "Todd Boyle" <tboyle@rosehill.net>

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Plus musical performance by Jess Grant, Performing Songwriter

Charles Derber is Professor of Sociology at Boston College and former director of its graduate program on Social Economy and Social Justice. He is a prolific scholar in the field of political economy, international relations, and society, and is the author of eight books, including *People Before Profit: The New Globalization in an Age of Terror*, *Big Money and Economic Crisis*, *Corporation Nation*, and *The Wilding of America*.

Benefit to aid economic justice and democracy activists: UUs for a Just Economic Society, Community Alliance for Global Justice and Seattle Thunder. Suggested donation \$5.

For more information, email coordinator@uujec-pnwd.org

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These local contacts would probably be interested as well:

Community Alliance for Global Justice (CAGJ), in Seattle, may be

interested in this -- contact Jeremy Simer, "CAGJ"

cagj@seattleglobaljustice.org

Newground Investments -- contact Bruce Herbert, bh@newground.net

Bainbridge Graduate Institute -- contact Scott Bowman,

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and,

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There were such excellent speakers at Thunder

<http://www.seattlethunder.net/2004workshops.htm>

Some would be an invaluable contribution to NW Social Forum.

<http://www.nwsocialforum.org/>

Is there any outreach going on?

Whoever is doing the planning for NWSF it would be nice to have more frequent updates on the website to reflect the scale of this!

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member of this and that

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Subject: [discussion] Reflections from other social forums & a few requests to participants and organizers

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hi everyone,

this is a long email. at the bottom are two specific suggestions i'd like to make to the core organizers; even though the whole email is about how to improve our process and to begin some kind of creative dialogue about what is this process we're engaged in. there are also some questions specifically directed to the organizers.

why reflection?

i believe in reflection, individual and collective, as a critical piece of how we achieve our

goals more effectively and how we evolve more quickly. it's one of the key "design" or DNA principles of living systems and as one evolutionary biologist that i knows puts it, if we are to survive, we must begin to learn from living systems and the world around us.

so with regard to reflection:

some useful links about the social forum (global and continental):

the debate after WSF (World SOcial Forum 2004)

http://www.choike.org/nuevo_eng/informes/1417.html#The%20debate%20after%20WSF%202004

and specifically after quito/Americas Social Forum

http://www.choike.org/nuevo_eng/informes/2202.html

i keep sending these emails from other forums and spaces where there is reflection happening because i see it as a critical component to the whole social forum process and to its powerful evolution. we must evolve out of the old ways of doing things and move toward designing things so that they work for all (inclusion and diversity - itself a very interesting conversation and for those who were not there, down at the world social forum 1, the day before it officially started, there was this smaller little conference on social inclusion and there were mayors from brasil, france and portugal and a philosopher as well, talking about what they were doing in their cities to work toward greater social inclusion and therefore greater participatory democracy. amazing stuff...

it appears that the meeting in quito raised alot of issues about how the social forum process was going and they plan on introducing "profound changes" for the upcoming

WSF in order not to waste the experience of so many people who are participating. i find this incredibly encouraging. (and i'm anxiously awaiting any documentation from them).

also in the article, i read how people want to see more discussions in future forums that will highlight resistance movements, visions of the future, and alternative constructions. yes of course! we need to do this locally and map our movements here regionally, but not just a map and highlighting of the resistance efforts and social justice projects, but we must engage in concrete discussions about how we see and articulate our diverse visions of the future and discovering and supporting the alternative constructions that are (1) emerging (2) under construction (3) and still looming on the horizon. It's hard to know what is being planned or what is coming together, but hopefully the information will start flowing between us all more. this piece about visioning together is another design principle of living systems. but this one is more about the possibility of taking evolutionary leaps - that's what evolutionary biology and others who take cutting edge science and apply it to social organizing and social systems. it's called soft systems theory. and it is redefining how we think of change and how we communicate and share information and evaluate and figure out how to do things. chaordic design, chaos theory etc.....we need to create spaces where we can talk about these things in an intentional way. because if we don't, we are missing a golden opportunity. if we want to identify what's working, identify where we want to be and how we're going to get there and to participate in the construction of this new world, then the need for dialogue across our sectors and our communities must take a central decentralized place in our organizing. i call it bridgeweaving. i hope we do that in this forum.

what does this mean for us? all of us. not just those who are doing the core organizing, but all the others who are organizing and self-organizing and consider themselves participants in this process. what can we learn? because the nwsocial forum is a process

that does not have an end in sight. it is not just about the conference in mid-october, it is about the very quality of conversation and dialogue we're having right now and how we continue it into the forum and out of it. as my favorite local spoken word artist laura piece kelley says - future is as present does (she says alot more and right on this very topic i'm talking about here, but in a different way. so does her brother who wrote a book called "freedom dreams: the radical black imagination". and it's all about the necessity of creating and imagining what it is we want to see happen, emerge, another world. we often lose site of this fundamental part of the whole process....

also, because the social forum process is an evolving one and hopefully there is two way information flow from the locals to the global and from the global and regionals back to the local, what we do here in Seattle is not just about us. what we do at our forum can have an impact on other local forums, in how they organize themselves, in what they achieve and the lessons they learn. we're not alone in this. we're part of a global movement in the creation of this forum. this is called global collective intelligence and it requires documentation and sharing stories from the heart and the head and it means dialogue.

it is with this spirit that i share these things. i think it is very exciting that this forum is happening here and grateful to the organizers for all they have done in making it happen and i just want more reflection on the process.

http://www.choike.org/nuevo_eng/informes/1417.html#The%20debate%20after%20WSF%202004

this site is a very useful site and this is an interesting article reflecting on what happened at the recent americas social forum held in ecuador.

i find it helpful in imagining what the northwest social forum can be and what steps we need to collectively take to get there. i really believe that it would be great to take some time at one of the larger organizing meetings to talk about how we can learn from other social forums so we don't make the same mistakes and we reflect on stories, lessons learned and decisions that have been made. i see this also as a form of collective intelligence and yes collective wisdom. tom atlee calls this part of the process of moving toward a global wisdom society. because we really don't just need more intelligence (on one level), we need more wisdom.

i think that especially because our brothers and sisters in the south have initiated so much of the social forum movement and are engaging in a very profound conversation about how we "give rise to new ideas for building theories for "the articulation of ideas of a new world, in which we must combine equality and diversity at the same rate", that some discussion would be of benefit, even in the 11th hour of organizing, these last two months, at lease to plant seeds in this direction with some intention of what we're doing here and having that conversation sooner than later with more people.

this dance between equality and diversity at the same rate is about social inclusion in the democratic processes surrounding us. how do we model that in our own work and organizing. i would love to see us talk with people from brasil, like the mayor of bellem, who is probably doing more in his city in the area of social inclusion and participatory democracy than any other city in the world. we look at porto alegre with its participatory budget process as an amazing step toward true participation and social inclusion in decision-making for our communities, but he has taken it 10 more steps forward. let's invite him :)) (i'm half kidding half serious).

i'm also wondering if there is any way we can find out who are the people being invited to speak as keynotes and if there's any way to participate in that discussion.

some other comments made in the article:

* this Social Forum [Americas Social Forum] introduced methods suited to greater public participation. For example, we saw greater interaction with the speakers in the panels and seminars.

* There will be a whole combination of practices in tune with a new world, like food supplied through networks of family farms, as well as sustainability initiatives, like 'Zero Waste' and recycling. [this makes me think of the indicators of sustainable seattle and climate solutions vision of an energy efficient city...and what people are doing around these issues here in our community - let's start sharing that information sooner than later and mapping it on the website or somewhere...]

* Discussions are also underway with the Free Software Foundation (FSF) so that their related platforms can supply all the computer programmes and systems used at the WSF. The global free software movement is opposed to the ?Microsoft monopoly? in the computer industry [this makes me think about the media center and how that is going and what's the latest from folks on this front]

* The organising committee also plans to expand Ciranda, a coalition of freelancers and journalists that has produced hundreds of well-organised independent reports at previous editions of the WSF, to radio and TV, because the previous forums have relied heavily on building banks of journalistic materials directed above all at the written press.

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[this was written with media in mind so there's this emphasis here at the end, but important for us as well because it is about (1) documenting (2) exchanging information (3) facilitating dialogue (4) enabling reflection (5) distribution to wider audiences...]

another very useful reflection that goes to the european social forum:

the promise of the european social forum

<http://www.transform.it/newsletter/892004905441.php>

the author, phil mcleish, "makes proposals for achieving this goal and for maximizing political exchange within a context of participatory collective action."

i found this essay helpful because he uses thoughtful theory as a context and then launches into application. he really gets at practical design issues - whether we want to create just another conference type event or whether we want to increase the networking, cross-pollination, information exchange, and concrete project support for the emerging new world.

his primary theme is: "The organisation we need to run the Social Forum only needs to do one thing, but it needs to do this exceptionally well. It needs to foster, nurture and encourage the emergence of a new Europe as a "network of networks". i think this is a worthy goal and one that isn't really being done adequately as one organizer from the

NWSF mentioned to me recently - it is the challenge of getting the various networks to really talk to one another that is at the heart of our work and what we all need to realize is critical to growing a movement and building a community of diverse and connected worlds.

of course the european social forum is a different kind of forum from one more grounded in the local/regional level, but i would argue that we are still working with a similar ground and system. there are deep parallels.

mcleish also discusses at length the need for an accessible database and a way for people to know who will be there and how they can support each other in mutual ways. he is very articulate on this and i encourage people to read it (at least skim it :))

i also think this piece is key:

Facilitation

As important to the functioning of the Forum as translators - and more important than most politicians - are excellent facilitators. With the service of a skilled facilitator, groups of strangers can swiftly learn to work together cooperatively. A good facilitator can:

- elicit participation from as many group members as possible,
- assist the group in distinguishing substantive and procedural issues
- help to identify ways of switching between plenary & small groups and vice versa

- probe conflict and use it as the generative motor of group dynamism rather than as a mutual blocking

- help the group to clarify and disentangle different threads in a discussion

- let it see when decisions need to be made

- mirror back to the group conclusions it seems to be reaching and enable it to confirm or qualify them

- fade his or her presence from the maximum necessary to the minimum possible

and

A democratically run ESF needs an organising committee which is:

Transparent

Accountable to those taking part in the process

Impartial / independent of participating organisations

Participatory: ie. open for anyone to use or initiate

Transparency: This is the minimum first step. It requires that

agendas of the organising meetings should be published in good time,

procedures should be in place to enable anyone to make representations to the organising committee

the meetings should be open to visitors

full minutes should be made available

accounts should be made public

my suggestions and requests:

i personally would appreciate seeing more information flow from the organizing committee and the planning committee to the lists and have more access to what conversations are happening. i feel like i'm a bit in the dark and it doesn't feel like that's what should be happening - rather information flow should be on the increase from all directions.

i also would like to request that the next organizing meeting be facilitated by someone who is a trained facilitator (in whatever methodology; there are many wonderful ones) and not someone who is from the organizing or planning committee. i think this is good organizing, common sense and maybe it will engender a much more participatory experience for everyone in the room and we need that. now is when more volunteers and people need to be getting involved and quickly and finding ways to increase lateral and horizontal and respectful and inclusive participation on all levels is critical.

i look forward to hearing people's thoughts on any of what i have shared. i have thought alot about this social forum process and these things for long before the nwsf was coming to seattle. i see it as an opportunity for many powerful things to happen that we've all been longing for.

peace,

sheri

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A friendly reminder of this important event with a representative of the Brazilian Landless Workers' Movement (MST) who will be speaking in Olympia and Seattle this week. Please see the info below.

Ram=E3o Aldo da Silva is a member of the National Education Sector providing all types of political education workshops and courses for all MST members to create a very discipline and well educated leaders in all issues. He will be speaking about land issues in Brazil, how the MST was created, the methodology of educating and mobilizing thousands of people, the Lula government and the propose to create a strong international movement through Via Campesina and the World Social Forum.

Hope to you there! Lucilene Lira

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THE LANDLESS WORKERS' MOVEMENT (MST) AND THE STRUGGLE TO BUILD A NEW BRAZIL

A Call to Participate in the NW Social Forum and mobilize around Peasant Resistance, Farming and Food Justice.

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Join LELO's Tyree Scott Worker to Worker Voice Coalition and the NW Social

Forum for a visit from: =20

Ram =E3o Aldo da Silva, MST National Political Education Cmte. =20

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 6 =20

Bush Hotel Auditorium in the International District at LELO's Office

409 Maynard Ave. S, Suite P4,

Entrance through doors facing Red Pagoda Plaza corner of Maynard and King St

Potluck, 6 PM

Presentation, 7 PM

Info: 360.259-1879

Brazil's Landless Workers' Movement is the largest social movement in Latin

America. Since their first victory in 1985, MST land-takeovers earned land

titles for 250,000 families living on more than 15 million acres of

farmland. In 1999 alone, 25,099 families occupied unproductive land. The MST

also battles Free Trade Agreements like the FTAA, which subsidize corporate

agriculture while destroying the ability of small farmers to produce their

own food.

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hi all,

i would call this a "best practice" and now that Philly is leading the way =

with

this, we can look to our local government and say, see, here's a good idea =

whose

time has come.=20=20

i love to think in terms of best practices because it is about highlighting

where people and communities and cities and organizations are bringing forth

change which could be modeled and replicated in other places. this is just=

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example. there are many more like this.=20=20

if it is working in philly, then there's no reason except for lack of polit=

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will, why it can't work in other communities. and lack of political will f=

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the people is different than in the local government. lack of political wi=

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from the people is usually the result of lack of information about the possibilities that are available; and lack of political will on the part of government is usually fear of rocking the boat, making change happen too quickly, not able to find the courage to stand up for what you know in your heart to be right because you want to be re-elected.=20=20

so here's the knowledge for all of us. there are other amazing examples in= this

country and around teh world where more democratic and sustainable and just practices are being put into action. the northwest social forum should be a place for us to not just (1) highlight these but also to (2) find ways to p= ut

them into action. a map of our local best practices that are already worki= ng

and a list of those best practices that we want to see, along with a timeli= ne.=20=20

thanks viki for the fabulous matrix!

peace,

sheri

collective intelligence/wisdom group

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Philly Considers Wireless Internet for All

Wed Sep 1, 5:08 PM ET

By DAVID B. CARUSO, Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA - Forget finding an Internet cafe. For less than what it=20
costs to build a small library, city officials believe they can turn=20
all 135 square miles of Philadelphia into the world's largest wireless=20

Internet hot spot.

The ambitious plan, now under discussion, would involve placing thousands of small transmitters around the city probably atop lampposts. Each of these wireless hot spots would be capable of communicating with the Wi-Fi network cards that now come standard with many computers.

Once complete, the \$10 million network would deliver broadband Internet almost anywhere radio waves can travel including poor neighborhoods where high-speed Internet access is now rare.

The city would likely offer the service either for free, or at costs far lower than the \$35 to \$60 a month charged for broadband delivered over telephone and cable TV lines, said the city's chief information officer, Dianah Neff.

"If you're out on your front porch with a laptop, you could dial in, register at no charge, and be able to access a high speed connection," Neff said. "It's a technology whose time is here."

If the plan becomes a reality, Philadelphia would leap to the forefront of a growing number of cities already offering or mulling a wireless broadband network for their residents, workers and guests.

Chaska, Minn., a suburb of Minneapolis, began offering citywide wireless Internet access this year for \$16 a month. The signal covers

about 13 square miles.

Cleveland has added some 4,000 wireless transmitters in its University=20 Circle, Midtown and lakefront districts. The service is free for anyone=20 who passes through those areas.

Some 1,016 people were logged in to the system at 2:20 Tuesday=20 afternoon, said Lev Gonick, chief information officer at Case Western=20 Reserve University, which is spearheading the project and paying for a=20 chunk of it.

"We like to say it should be like the air you breathe =97 free and=20 available everywhere," Gonick said. "We look at this like PBS or NPR.=20 It should be a public resource."

But free citywide Internet access would appear to pose a competitive=20 threat to businesses such as local phone carrier Verizon Communications=20 Inc. and cable provider Comcast Corp. Both companies have invested=20 heavily in upgrading their networks to provide high-speed Internet=20 connections for a monthly fee.

A free service might also hurt Verizon's wireless business, which is=20 spending \$1 billion to upgrade its network with a technology that will=20 enable speedier Web access for laptops and mobile phones.

John Yunker, an analyst with Byte Level Research, said those companies=20 could face a serious challenge if cheap, or free, Wi-Fi proliferates.

"When you see initiatives like Philadelphia's, you are conditioning people to expect free or very low cost Internet service. And that is going to be a problem for providers who have built a business model around charging a fee," he said.

While business users might be willing to pay extra for reliability or national coverage, a free service might prove more than adequate for more recreational Web use, Yunker said.

As it stands, a typical Wi-Fi transmitter like those used in homes, coffee bars and airports is at least several times faster than the broadband connection provided by high-speed cable or DSL over a phone line.

And thanks to surging demand, the cost of those hot spots and Wi-Fi computer cards has fallen sharply in recent years. At the same time, a glut of capacity on wired networks built during the technology boom has made it cheaper to deliver Web traffic to and from Wi-Fi hot spots.

Neff, for example, estimated it would cost Philadelphia just \$1.5 million a year to maintain the system.

The main drawback to Wi-Fi is that the signal can only travel several hundred feet. But the "wireless mesh" technology being considered by Philadelphia and other cities essentially joins those individual hot spots into a network to provide service across entire neighborhoods.

Philadelphia Mayor John F. Street, a technology buff who carries a wireless handheld computer everywhere he goes, appointed a 14-member committee last week to work out the specifics of his city's plan, including any fees, or restrictions on its use.

Elsewhere, New York City officials are negotiating to sell companies space for wireless transmitters on 18,000 lampposts for as much as \$21.6 million annually.

Corpus Christi, Texas, has been experimenting with a system covering 20 square miles that would be used (for now) only by government employees.

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thank you for sharing this, lance. arundhati has commendable insights. definitely excellent timing for those of us working on the nw social forum.

as an upcoming presenter, i will be sure to have this article nearby to remind me to focus on alternatives, concrete actions, inclusion, and open participation. but i would also challenge arundhati on perhaps the process to achieve the various objectives of justice. civil disobedience is a way to achieve certain objectives, but not the only. dialogue IS important. we are seeing the lack of such dialogue play out on the world stage with regard to =

Iraq (to name just one instance). and just gathering and recognizing that there are others that feel the way we do IS important as well as empowering. if we really do seek to meet and surpass the challenges of this 'time', at some point we will need to include ALL in the process (eg government officials, ceo's, established organizations, even republicans and democrats - lol). there are worthy people in these groups too, and we need them. otherwise what we create will only return to what we already have now. (granted, that 'point' to include ALL is not necessarily at these forums.)

as a person who has been an active participant in both worlds of the elite and those 'in service' to the elite, i can see many players on both sides of the issues that actually want the same things. conversation is an important way to hone in on those desires and respectfully work together to manifest them. another world is possible, but all sides must be willing to share and listen to each others views, not impose them, no matter which way the imposition goes.

these forums remain a work in process. much of their success rests in the hands of the individual participants, both organizers and attendees. hopefully the people will step forward to share their dreams and insights...and accept the responsibility that comes with taking back government by and for the people.

my 2 cents.

-----Original Message-----

From: Lance Scott <lanscot@drizzle.com>

Sent: Sep 4, 2004 2:07 AM

To: discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org

Subject: [discussion] Arundhati Roy's warning to social forums

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Please find attached the NWSF Event-Track Matrix. The matrix is a planning tool for folks wanting information on what is being planned and how to participate and for the forum organizers. You can use it to see what events have been suggested or are in planning.

Please note that the matrix does not contain a complete set of all the events suggested or proposed. I was not able to get responses from everyone to which I sent requests for information to include -- thanks to those of you who did respond. The matrix will be updated as more information is forwarded.

Explanation of Matrix

Each box in the matrix represents one event. Most events (but not all) are scheduled into one and a half hour slots. Each event is listed as to event type and the track to which it relates. Each event is also color-coded as to what is its current status. For further explanation of tracks, event types, and event status, continue reading.

Event Types

Major Panels: Major Panels present the voices, visions, analyses and strategies of key persons and organizations speaking to one of the forum's themes. The major panels are being organized by the Planning Committee with the participation of the track coordinators and the Program Committee.

Workshops: Workshops are opportunities to share experiences, develop understanding, learn practices, and plan strategies with a view to problem-solving and taking action. Workshops are self-organized by individuals, networks and organizations that make proposals to the forum organizers to hold such events.

Medium Panels: Medium panels are 2 or more speakers presenting on a topic of common interest. Medium panels are self-organized by the networks and organizations to the forum organizers that make proposals to hold such events.

Roundtables: Roundtables bring together three or more organizers with diverse perspectives on a common theme to discuss and strategize. Roundtables are self-organized by networks or organizations that make proposals to the forum organizers to hold such events.

Caucuses: Caucuses are interest group meetings about an issue or tracks pertaining to the NWSF, bringing together people with diverse perspectives to discuss and strategize with a view to finding ways to work together towards a shared vision. Caucuses are self-organized by networks or organizations. Space for caucuses can either be reserved through the proposal process or on-site on an ad hoc basis.

Testimonials: Testimonials are stories or short presentations of cultural, social and political engagement that resulted in change.

Cultural Events: Cultural events include multicultural activities, performances, exhibitions, and expressions. Cultural events are self-organized by the networks and organizations that make proposals to hold such events.

Films: Films are sponsored by organizations.

Tabling: Tabling provides an opportunity for organizations and individuals to share their work and offer resources.

Tracks: The tracks represent major issue areas that the forum is organized around. The tracks are listed in the left hand column. Each event is listed in only one track although some events are relevant to more than one track. Each track will have a coordinator who will respond to information requests on that track.

Status of Event: The events are color-coded as follows:

- * Green box: Suggested event
- * Yellow box: Event is in planning
- * Purple box: Event has been submitted as a proposal to forum organizers. (Please note that I was not able to obtain information

on proposals submitted on-line.)

Note from the Tool Creator: While I would like to respond individually to information requests, I regret that such a promise is beyond my capacity. If you would like to comment on the information included on the matrix, please send me an email and I will incorporate in an update to the matrix.

Thanks for your understanding and I hope this information is of service.
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in community, Viki Sonntag, NWSF Program Committee Member

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You and your organization are invited to become official endorsers or supporters of the Northwest Social Forum.

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Supporters are people and organizations that have donated \$100 or more and/or provided in-kind support to the NWSF (including meeting space, supplies, and staff time).

All NWSF endorsements and supporters are listed on the website.

Check out the ever growing list of folks excited about the event.

<http://www.nwsocialforum.org/?q=node/view/110>

If you, your organization, or someone you know would like to be an endorser or supporter, please let me know. You can reply to this e-mail or you can post a comment on the endorsements page. (Please tell me your web address, if you have one, and I'll make sure we link to it. We ask that you link to the NWSF if you are able.)

Looking forward to seeing you all in October!

Krista

From: "CHRIS LINDBERG" <clindberg360@msn.com>

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<P>Chris Lindberg - 360.714.8999 or clindberg360@msn.com

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Chris

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Corporate rule. hmm. a corporation is a legal form of operation. Others include sole proprietorship, partnership, joint venture, LLC, and others.

Why is corporate rule worse than proprietorship rule?

A corporation is a bunch of contracts between a bunch of people. What we need is to create new contracts, among ourselves leaving out the profit margins for anybody at the center, preventing any administrator or managerial class from capturing percentages. Partnerships, coops, LLCs, or corporations can do this. personally I advocate nonquantified multiparty barter but nevermind that now.

Look. The problem is we have a plutocracy. That is a fancy word for rule by a wealthy elite. and our whole system of social organization is market economics, which leaves out all externalities (all commons, all pollution and other costs imposed on the commons) The words "corporate rule" don't even begin to communicate the real problems.

Todd Boyle - Kirkland WA - 425-827-3107

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At 02:59 PM 8/27/2004, Jody Grage Haug wrote:

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>Activist and Author

>Charles Derber

>Speaking and sharing strategies from his new book,

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>Regime Change Begins at Home:

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>Freeing America from Corporate Rule.

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>Noam Chomsky says, "This is a badly needed book. Derber lays out a

>practical and feasible course of action to create a far more free and

>democratic society that offers real hope for decent survival."

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>Saturday, August 28th, 7 to 9:30 pm

>University Unitarian Church, 6556 35th Ave NE, Seattle

>Accessible from bus routes 64,65,76, 83 and, from downtown Seattle, 71

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>Plus musical performance by Jess Grant, Performing Songwriter

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>Benefit to aid economic justice and democracy activists: UU's for a Just

>Economic Society, Community Alliance for Global Justice and Seattle Thunde

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>Suggested donation \$5.

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>Charles Derber is Professor of Sociology at Boston College and former=20
>director of its graduate program on Social Economy and Social Justice. He=
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>is a prolific scholar in the field of political economy, international=20
>relations, and society, and is the author of eight books, including People=
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>Before Profit: The New Globalization in an Age of Terror, Big Money and=20
>Economic Crisis, Corporation Nation, and The Wilding of America.

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Hello everyone -

One important component of the NWSF is the inclusion of non-traditional groups, like farmworkers, youth, minorities, and others not always considered standard activist types. I would like to know of your personal experiences within your own working groups where this has occurred, where you have seen previously excluded individuals or groups (for whatever reason), join in our project. If you could send me a short note outlining such instances and why you think they're important, that would be great. I am primarily focused on working groups in Whatcom and Skagit Counties, but I would like to know what else is going on through out the NW.

thanks,

Carl Shook

360-990-0972

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Greetings!

The following is an update from the folks up around Mt. Vernon and Bellingham. It is an outline of what our local working groups have been doing, what their ideas and plans are, and their contact information.

If you see something that strikes you as interesting or something you might like to collaborate on, we encourage you to send a letter to the group contact.

Music/Art/Culture Group

– Local Contact – Karen Weill – 360-715-9788 – lhildes@earthlink.net

Ideas and Projects:

-Art Gallery

-Music, many performers including 1st People's Tribes.

-A performance of August Wilson's new play

- Puppet Making workshop

Integration of musical performances into workshops*

Contact Karen with ideas for collaboration between art/music/culture group and other groups. i.e. A play about peace in conjunction with the peace workshops.

Democracy Group

Contact:

Jo Ann McNerthney

joannmcn@qwest.net

360-738-3858

Larry Hildes has committed to doing a workshop on the "History of the Oppression of the Left Since 1850″. A proposal is being sent in.

Marian Beddill is presenting a workshop on Touch Screen Voting. A proposal is being sent in. To contact Marian please email beddill@nas.com.

Janet Anderson will hold a workshop on Instant Runoff Voting and Proportional Representation.

The following are additional ideas that have been discussed with potential contact and/or interested people:

Patriot Act and the Current Situation

Larry Hildes lhildes@earthlink.org

Immigration

Peggy, Jonathon, Andrea, Maria Andrade

Police Abuse

Fred Diamondstone, Neil Fox, Lynne Wilson

Know Your Rights

Issak

Election Monitor Training

Larry Hildes

Emergency Election Drill

Nancy Ging

Contact me for contact information for the above individuals

Comment by Jo Ann McNerthney

Transportation Group

Contact: Nate Johnson

Natejjohnson@excite.com

360-398-7803

Ideas and Projects

- Opposition to I-5 Corridor. See <http://nocorridor.blogs.com>, maybe hook up with the Snohomish County opposition to I-5.
- Workshops and Panels around Biodiesel
- Bus Riders Union
- Bring someone to speak from a place where Public Transportation Works

Peace Group

Contact: Nancy Ging

nancy@progresivenexus.org

360-758-2529

IDEAS:

Peace Room: A completely quiet room where Forum attendees can come to sit in a peaceful, quiet atmosphere. Would be nice to have some beautiful art to enhance the peaceful ambience. Planning this would mostly involve fundraising to pay for the room at \$25/hour-and-a-half. I'm not sure if the Seattle Center will provide chairs or not for these kinds of events.

Peace Concert: Let's think big! Bruce Springsteen and friends are doing their Vote concert during October—could we get them to Seattle? There are many wonderful performers in the Pacific Northwest who do peace-related music, so this could be a great event regardless. A few people are considering taking this project on, and several artists have already volunteered, but more help will be needed to put it together.

Iraq Photo Exhibit: Two possible approaches have been suggested. One would show Iraqi families engaged in normal day-to-day activities as best they can in the current circumstances. Those photos would be juxtaposed with American families engaged in the same kinds of activities. This approach would support the brotherhood theme of Gerri Haynes

presentation.

Another possibility would be before and after photos of various places in Iraq to make it graphically clear what the U.S. has actually done there.

Both of these ideas would require massive help finding suitable photos we could use. There might also be considerable expense getting the photos enlarged/framed/whatever for exhibiting.

Nonviolent Communication Workshop(s): training sessions in nonviolent communication. Anyone have connections within that community of teachers?

Conflict Resolution Workshops and Role-Playing Sessions: small group practice after training sessions.

Can You Have a Local Peace and Justice Center? Workshops by existing Peace and Justice Centers from northwest states to teach people how to start a P&J Center in their own communities.

Projects in Planning:

IN PROGRESS: "In One World, Iraqis Are Our Brothers and Sisters". Presentation by Gerri Haynes, past president of Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility. She's been to Iraq many times in recent years, and can speak the truth about what is happening there. I'm hoping this can be a plenary session.

IN PROGRESS: Department of Peace presentations. This will likely be a cluster of events, including tabling, speakers, a display area, a play, and possibly workshops. We are hoping Rep. Dennis Kucinich, who initially proposed a Dept. of Peace, will be able to speak at a plenary session.

IN PROGRESS: Rita Weinstein, published Seattle playwright, is working on a peace play for the NWSF. If Rep. Kucinich is able to attend the Forum, he has also agreed to do a cameo spot in this play.

IN PROGRESS: High School Anti-recruitment Successes: a presentation by several local Peace and Justice Centers about how they are successfully counteracting military recruitment efforts in the high schools. Training for others interested in doing the same.

New Economics

Contact:

Francis Ayley

ctpoise@serve.net

360-360-303-4169

-Ideas from the last meeting revolve around local currencies, more to come

Health Care

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- idea for Pipa Breakspear to do a presentation on her “On the Rocks” project. Multimedia theater piece dealing with issues of addiction, treatment and incarceration.

Food Justice Group

Contact:

Rosalinda Guillen

rosalindaq@qwest.net

360-738-0893

-Bring farmers and farm workers together to dialogue on how they can work together towards a sustainable agricultural system

-Discussion on how the community can support a sustainable agricultural system in which farm workers work in safe conditions for living wages & healthcare and the land is farmed in environmentally just methods.

-Connect with Native American communities on fish farming and salmon fishing issues.

-Rio is working on the presentation and implementation of a Hunger

Declaration

-Carolina – bring out GE issues (food, salmon, etc.)

-Symbolic March to the NWSF beginning at the Canadian Border on October 9TH

Indigenous Rights, Resource Management, Environmental Justice

Contact: Shelly Vendiola

msvendiola@comcast.net

360-305-9166

- Shelly Vendiola has been traveling to different native communities and indigenous gatherings to present and do outreach for the NWSF:
 - o Indigenous Environmental Network Gathering- Protecting Mother Earth, South Dakota. June 17-21, 2004. IEN has agreed to continue doing outreach and working with local affiliate organizations to be involved in the forum.
 - o International Indian Treaty Council – 30th Anniversary Gathering Pit River Reservation (near Mt. Shasta) July 8-11,2004. Announcement and Contact list created.
 - o Swinomish and Samish Tribal Members have inquired about NWSF and have shown interest in organizing local planning meetings.
 - o Met with Native People’s Alliance With Friends and Allies (NPAFA) on July 24th, 2004 (Seattle). Elder Harold Belmont (Suquamish) has agreed to help with the Opening Ceremony of the NWSF. The NPAFA would like to invite designated NWSF Planners to their monthly meetings.
 - o Met with Cecile Hanson, Chairwoman, Duwamish Nation (Seattle), She has also agreed to help with the Opening Ceremony of the NWSF.
 - o Puyallup Pow Wow Planners are planning their annual Pow Wow to be held October 15-17,2004. We will meet with their Planning Committee to discuss how to tie the Pow Wow to the NWSF (promotion, outreach, announcements)
 - o Evon Peters, Liaison for NWSF Youth Committee and Indigenous Rights Committee, as well as Matt Remle are working with the Youth Committee to help with outreach and events to include Indigenous Youth.
 - o Susan Balbas is working with the NWSF fundraising committee to raise money for Indigenous Delegates and speakers.
 - o Water Ceremony is an idea put forward to the Planning Committee to be conducted at the Seattle Waterfront prior to the Opening Ceremony by Native Community folks who know the protocol
 - o The Annual Human Rights and Leonard Peltier March and Rally was presented to the Planning Committee. The annual march and rally will be held at the Peace Arch at the US/Canadian border on Sat. Sept.9th. Farm workers will join with indigenous peoples from Canada and US in solidarity. This event leads up to the NWSF.
 - o Teach-ins will be conducted in 2 or 3 different tribal communities during the week of October 11-14, 2004. (For example outreach is being done to Lummi, Swinomish, Samish and Tulalip Tribal Communities.)
 - o In response to the idea to do a workshop on Alaska oil drilling, native lands and action - We will organize a panel on energy and oil issues and get a Native representative to present on the Alaska oil issue.

- o Cultural Education has been an area we are doing outreach in for American Indian Studies Programs at the high school level to be involved with the March/Parade on Sat. Oct. 16 at the NWSF and the cultural events following.
- o US Social Forum put a call out for organizations to participate on their coordinating committee. IEN submitted an application and nominated two other organizations: the (1) Indigenous Women's Network, (2) the International Indian Treaty Council.

Health, Healing, Spirituality Education, and Training Project Group

Contact:

Vicki Wantland

vicki@sevenday.net

360-755-7106

Three areas of workshops that have been presented:

1 - the Illuminati

2 - Reforming our school systems

3 - Health Healing and Healing Technologies

Gender Justice Working Group

Contact:

Amanda Pursley

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360-738-0964

Ideas from last meeting:

what is feminism?

what is gender?

feminism and culture

feminist utopia

feminist alliance

same sex marriage

interactive mural

peace tent

feminist monologues

testimonies from Palestine, Iraq, Iran, etc

-contact: Barbara Rofker, Shirley Osterhaus

radical cheerleading

raging grannies

Seattle radical women

women in black

code pink

masculinity and militarization

testimonies-March for Women's Lives

-how it was organized

transgendered farm worker as a speaker

domestic violence awareness month-OCT

-networking with women care shelter

guerilla girls

speakers- Star Hawke, Naral, Planned Parenthood, FMLA

Musicians, DJ's

Law and Gender Justice

Middle and high school involvement

-coordinating buses

outreach

-People of color, Mecha, ethnic student center

-youth and community not in schools

ecofeminism

Cuban women-embargo

sexual disabilities

movement building

oratrix in Seattle

childcare

Discussion on gender equality policies in development agencies

Historical discussion of women's nonviolent resistance (there are a couple of great books on this and we could do a timeline or pick a few great ones or something)

How war is masculinized (I'm not saying that right but the gist is that weapons are phallic, the language used in war is sexual and thus sexually violent, etc. - Cynthia Moulds have given lectures on this I believe.)

Women on War (there's a great book on this that would be great to read and think about discussions we could lead on it)

NEW GROUPS:

Independent Media Working Group

Contact Carl Shook

Stumpdrop@yahoo.com

360-990-0972

Right now I am formalizing our region's personal take on the Northwest Social Forum into specific themes. The goal is to develop a number of concise and cohesive messages that can be disseminated quickly to inform, educate, or spark interest in the newspaper or on the street.

Here's a few

Bringing non-traditional activist groups to the forum

The Event is the Creative Space; i.e. its not just another

conference

Response to the WTO in Seattle five years ago

The way I keep envisioning the forum is that we want more to come out of it than went into it by creating something new and more powerful with the time we all spend together in Seattle than existed before.

What does the NWSF mean to you? How do you envision the NWSF affecting your community? Send me your ideas at or post them at this link - <http://nwsf.progressivenexus.org/theme.php?t=indymed> - here for all to see.

Here are some ongoing projects I can always use help with...

Media outreach - getting the word out! I'm always trying to get in contact with members of the IM community here in Bellingham and throughout our region. If you know an editor or a trusty journalist or would like to write editorials yourself, let me know! And of course, workshop ideas are great, too.

thanks, all.

- carl

Environment Issues Working Group Contact is:

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solidkoala@yahoo.com

WWU Campus

Contact:

Andrew Hedden

mourningcommute@yahoo.com

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Next Whatcom/Skagit Committee Meeting

August 15th, 2004

6:30pm

WECU Community Building

511 E. Holly Street. (Next to Kinko's)

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This is Karen.

I believe that one of the major problems is that, as far as I can discover, the Planning Committee never did any training with the various committees on unlearning racism, cross-cultural communications, or even setting up how their communications would look like, or what consensus would look like. I hope that we can use the time we now have available this weekend to work on those issues, so that the next time we try to build a social forum, maybe some of the communication tools will already be in place. I also loved the idea of using the time to do a healing circle--I hope that we can do that first.

Did anyone go to the emergency meeting last night? What happened? Did it disintegrate into infighting? or did something positive happen? Can we get a report-back?

Is there someone with connections to the Labor Temple? Can you check if they would make their space available to us for either 10/16 or 10/17? How about the Unitarians? Perhaps the Seattle Center would be willing to let

us use just one space, not the entire place? (You're going to have a problem with people showing up who would not have heard that the NWSF has been cancelled, it's pretty well guaranteed.)

We won't be able to check our email again until this evening--leave a message at (360) 715-9788 if I can follow up on any ideas by phone late this afternoon. Unfortunately, the work doesn't stop because we have a crisis going on in another area of our lives!

Thanks for any help or information,

Karen

At 01:54 PM 10/8/2004 -0400, Nina Laboy wrote:

>Mark - Thank you for your words. I have for the most part stopped reading
>for one major reason: the majority of those presenting their advice are
>not indigenous or people of color - and for me therein lies one the most
>important lessons people can learn from this. Give up control and take
>the direction from the indigenous and people of color. We will not do
>things the way you want us to because we have a different frame of
>reference which makes it our imperative that we survive, in dignity and
>through the determination of our peoples. This does not mean we don't
>want and understand a world that is richly multicultural; it just means
>that others need to hear and experience and learn from our unique
>expertise, spirit and experiences. I believe another world is possible
>but for me it can only be by way of new and untried alternatives that have
>not been tried, and not through violence (physical, mental verbal or

>otherwise), lip service. or patronage. I've said my peace, in peace. Nina

>Laboy

>_____

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>From: Mark Dworkin [mailto:video@whidbey.com]

>Sent: Fri 10/8/2004 1:19 PM

>To: Northwest Social Forum

>Subject: [discussion] let's make the best use of this discussion list

>while it lasts

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>I'm noticing 2 kinds of things happening on the discussion list - [1]

>discussing who and what went wrong such that the forum was cancelled and

>[2] suggestions about creating future opportunities to get together in

>person, learn from this experience, deepen our connections with each

>other, and plan for the future. Both are very important, even essential.

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>But the discussion of what went wrong is getting bitter, and though I

>personally believe that what is being talked about is extremely important

>and must be confronted, these issues would be much better discussed in

>person, where people can find other ways to affirm their underlying unity

>while confronting such very divisive issues. Otherwise we will only rehash

>what divides us and the process of discussing what went wrong could spiral

>out of control and further undermine our ultimate goal of finding ways to

>work together more effectively. Already, I suspect, the recriminations

>are leading some to stop reading the list or unsubscribe.

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>But the list is valuable, my guess is that it is the single most
>comprehensive list of folks who like to think of themselves as activists
>for peace, justice, and the environment. We should take advantage of it
>while it is still functioning to keep each other posted on future events
>in the spirit of the Social Forum and to propose opportunities to discuss
>what went wrong and how to move forward from here.

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>Mark Dworkin

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Thanks to Rosalinda for reminding us that "they" need "us" more than we need them. I am particularly hopeful that out of this turmoil will come a much deeper recognition of this reality. My sense is that we-the-people haven't really understood the many ways that they depend on us. So we haven't been able to use that fact as wisely and strongly as we might.

In my own teaching & organizing experience, listing the ways in which "they" need "us" provides a huge boost to morale--like a light bulb going on or the sudden awareness that "there is a river" and we can attune ourselves to its flow.

I think it's true within our movement as well. The people who seem less powerful, more marginalized, actually have tremendous power and importance once we all recognize it. Partly because they/we often hold essential wisdom and values that all of us desperately need. And partly because we-the-movement dare not claim to be for equality and democracy unless we can figure out how to be inclusive and transparent and mutually supportive for all of us.

So I think this development may help us all to get clearer, perhaps about what we should have been knowing and doing all along, and where we may be able to go from now on.

Cynthia Adcock

From: "Rosalinda" <rosalindag@qwest.net>

To: "Todd Boyle" <tboyle@rosehill.net>, "Cynthia Moulds"

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Cc: "Lynn Sereda" <lindelspin@yahoo.com>,
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Subject: RE: [discussion] on recent events regarding participation.....

Date: Tue, Oct 5, 2004, 11:01 AM

I agree with Todd

The best way to learn from our mistakes is to openly deal with these mistakes. We will be taking the first step at the NWSF by meeting with community interested in using this process to strengthen social justice movements. Brothers and Sisters , let us remember Arundhati Roy's words

"We be many and they be few. They need us more than we need them. Another world is not only possible, she is on her way. On a quiet day, I can hear her breathing."

We must work together , all of us, including the Indigenous Community, we must continue in this process, to find the common ground and move forward in the struggle for social justice in all our communities. This is the first attempt at creating this kind of space for the progressive community within our region, we invite you all to come and experience this effort and

participate in making the next one better.

Si Se Puede!

From: Todd Boyle [mailto:tboyle@rosehill.net]

Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2004 10:45 AM

To: Cynthia Moulds

Cc: Lynn Sereda; discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org

Subject: RE: [discussion] on recent events regarding participation.....

At 10:03 AM 10/5/2004, Cynthia Moulds wrote:

Can someone actually explain what indigeneous and youth groups have backed away, and how, when and why

I was going to ask that, too.

But there's no "decision value" to the information since I'm not quitting anyway.

Far more important and useful: HOW can we multiply the visibility of the NWSF? Time is running out --we're in the last 10 days of a marathon.

Each of us must apply our time and yes maybe a little money such as photocopying and driving. At least, we should all try to post 10 or 20 stacks of fliers in libraries, churches, bulletin boards, etc.

Each of us should think about spending some of our political capital and reputation, to promote the NWSF among our own friends and the associations we're members of.

Many, many people who would enjoy this, and benefit greatly, have not got a clear picture of what it's about! Many others, will benefit from emails and phone calls reminders, 2 to 5 days before the event,

Todd

From: "Todd Boyle" <tboyle@rosehill.net>

Cc: "Mark Dworkin" <mark@movingimages.org>,

"Northwest Social Forum" <discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org>

In-Reply-To: <20041008174217.88017.qmail@web52101.mail.yahoo.com>

References: <003c01c4ad5a\$fa999e90\$0200000a@MarkOffice>
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MIME-Version: 1.0

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X-MailScanner: Found to be clean

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X-Loop: discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org

X-Sequence: 178

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Precedence: bulk

X-No-Archive: yes

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List-Help: <mailto:sympa@lists.nwsocialforum.org?subject=help>

List-Subscribe: <mailto:sympa@lists.nwsocialforum.org?subject=subscribe%20discussion>

List-Unsubscribe: <mailto:sympa@lists.nwsocialforum.org?subject=unsubscribe%20discussion>

List-Post: <mailto:discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org>

List-Owner: <mailto:discussion-request@lists.nwsocialforum.org>

List-Archive: <http://lists.nwsocialforum.org/lists/arc/discussion>

Subject: Re: [discussion] let's make the best use of this discussion list while it lasts

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At 10:42 AM 10/8/2004, Breona G wrote:

>I agree with this comment. In my opinion, email is
>not an ideal format for these kinds of intense discussions.

No, trust me, its fine. Whatever people read and write,
they always reflect upon it later. Things work out.

The written medium is just different from face to face.
Obviously there is no reassurance of the human sight,
or sounds or smells.

Large public meetings are certainly not a good place
to untangle complicated issues either! Whoever has
the most booming voice seems to win. :-)

Oh by the way email is a HELL of a lot more efficient than
driving. In fact the number of meetings, and their duration
makes F2F meetings uneconomic. The result is you lose
too many peoples' participation and the whole enterprise
starves of resources. Get it on line. That's the only way
to even compare with the effectiveness of the money
economy in getting things done! There are 4 million people
in this region. Our activism needs to have a scalable
vision to encompass *at least* tens of thousands of people.
And orchestrate our activities efficiently,

At some point you move beyond the goal of feeling comfortable.
You move into the question of effectiveness. People need
payoffs. We are working at the level of self-actualization,
and I am not talking about material gratification, but effectiveness
in waging peace. All of us need to see progress, in real things
otherwise we drift away to other activities, that are more
effective.

Todd

From: "Lynn Sereda" <lindelspin@yahoo.com>

To: "Breona G" <breonapearl@yahoo.com>,

"Mark Dworkin" <mark@movingimages.org>,

"Northwest Social Forum" <discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org>

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Yes, it is easy to create misunderstandings with the e-mail format, and not everyone is as e-mail accessible as some. But it is good to see that people are interested in dialogue. Maybe some of what Yalonda suggested for non-violent communication workshops, in addition to hearing from the native community, along with what people who have been working on "collective intelligence" can lead into how we can create a space for meaningful connection: something

which can heal the pain which arises from divisiveness. I know that not everyone is familiar with conversation cafe type forums or "meet-ups", but maybe people who have successfully employed these formats as organizational tools could have some input, as well as regional town halls, etc....

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Seattle Alliance for Media Education

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To: "Mark Dworkin" <mark@movingimages.org>,

"Northwest Social Forum" <discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org>

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X-Loop: discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org

X-Sequence: 175

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Precedence: bulk

X-No-Archive: yes

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Subject: RE: [discussion] let's make the best use of this discussion list while it lasts

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Mark - Thank you for your words. I have for the most part stopped reading =
for one major reason: the majority of those presenting their advice are no=
t indigenous or people of color - and for me therin lies one the most impor=
tant lessons people can learn from this. Give up control and take the dir=
ection from the indigenous and people of color. We will not do things the w=
ay you want us to because we have a different frame of reference which make=
s it our imperative that we survive, in dignity and through the determinat=
ion of our peoples. This does not mean we don't want and understand a worl=
d that is richly multicultural; it just means that others need to hear and =
experience and learn from our unique expertise, spirit and experiences. I =
believe another world is possible but for me it can only be by way of new a=
nd untried alternatives that have not been tried, and not through violence =
(physical, mental verbal or otherwise), lip service. or patronage. I've sai=
d my peace, in peace. Nina Laboy=20

From: Mark Dworkin [mailto:video@whidbey.com]

Sent: Fri 10/8/2004 1:19 PM

To: Northwest Social Forum

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From: "Michael C. Gilbert" <mcg@gilbert.org>

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As a mere observer of this process, let me just lend my support to this sentiment. I am recalling the biggest lesson learned from the disastrous first years of ICANN, as summarized at the recent PlanetWork conference: Email is a terrible medium for conflict resolution.

Returning to lurking,

-- Michael Gilbert

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Michael C. Gilbert

mcg@gilbert.org

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"There can be no joy of life without joy of work." -- Aquinas

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From: "Myra Ramos" <myraramos@direcway.com>

To: "Mark Dworkin" <mark@movingimages.org>,

"Northwest Social Forum" <discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org>

Message-ID: <003801c4ad5c\$87557e20\$791d020a@MYRA>

MIME-Version: 1.0

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X-Priority: 3

X-MSMail-Priority: Normal

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Well said, Mark.

Myra Ramos

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From: "Mark Dworkin" <video@whidbey.com>

To: "Northwest Social Forum" <discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org>

Date: Fri, 8 Oct 2004 10:19:33 -0700

MIME-Version: 1.0

X-Priority: 3

X-MSMail-Priority: Normal

X-Mailer: Microsoft Outlook Express 6.00.2900.2180

X-MimeOLE: Produced By Microsoft MimeOLE V6.00.2900.2180

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But the discussion of what went wrong is getting bitter, and though I personally believe that what is being talked about is extremely important and must be confronted, these issues would be much better discussed in person, where people can find other ways to affirm their underlying unity while confronting such very divisive issues. Otherwise we will only rehash what divides us and the process of discussing what went wrong could spiral out of control and further undermine our ultimate goal of finding ways to work together more effectively. Already, I suspect, the recriminations are leading some to stop reading the list or unsubscribe.

But the list is valuable, my guess is that it is the single most comprehensive list of folks who like to think of themselves as activists for peace, justice, and the environment. We should take advantage of it while it is still functioning to keep each other posted on future events in the spirit of the Social Forum and to propose opportunities to discuss what went wrong and how to move forward from here.

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- > To cast aspersions on an overworked, understaffed planning
- > committee at this juncture is petty, and beneath your intellect...

I apologize for omitting saying anything positive! The NWSF project was fantastic, and I loved the whole group, and looked forward to it very much.

When there are large enterprises with large numbers of people involved, with \$100,000s of dollars of other peoples' time and money at stake, the directors and managers are held to a higher standard than neighborhood / community projects.

Don't we cringe, when we hear that word, 'management'?

Well, insert whatever word you like. Organizer. Coordinator.

The requirements of the role don't care. The requirements of a project just endure. The clock just keeps ticking.

Please distinguish between being a good human being, good neighbor, well meaning, etc. versus offering (or imposing) oneself in a role where *lots* of other people are depending on you.

Think about the standards to which you hold politicians or corporate managers. This is exactly the same thing.

"Organizing" a project requires real skills. Very few people have good management skills. We would not expose ourselves to risks or losses by relying on people who don't have good management skills, if only we knew!

Another thing is: we would not rely on an organization that lacks the resources (in this case perhaps, volunteer hours)

or lacks an organizational plan to make a project succeed,
if only we knew.

These questions again, have nothing to do with the people's
worth as human beings.

This project lacked transparency needed for participants
to protect ourselves. We invested our time, many people
lost their airfare, trusting that 'somebody' in the middle
had things under control.

Based on the discussion, there are *many* people here,
for whom I have great respect, but might not be a good bet
to organize and deliver a large complex project.

I totally *TOTALLY* disagree that the left is disunited, etc.

The problem is that we too easily rely on other people,
too easily default on our promises and commitments,
and too easily forgive and forget others' defaults.

So, I offer you another vision for the next big event like this,
since we all hate hierarchic and patriarchal things.

Each party who comes in the door pledges the actual
resources they will provide, and date, location etc...

That might be defined in terms of hours, goods, or services,
or in terms of deliverables.

The list of pledged resources might be maintained publicly.

Contracts are valid only when there is consideration, in both
directions.

Contributors are entitled to the performance of other contributors.
i.e. this is a mutual contract. It is a multiparty contract.

How to bootstrap a large multiparty contract? Who would
be the first to pledge?

The bootstrapping would be no different than today.

Creative people would dream up proposals for any given project.

You might call them "leaders", I might call them "entrepreneurs".

The proposals would list all the roles and resources needed,
and people might subscribe or pledge to fulfill those roles in the
"prospectus". Something like this would accomplish the
same thing as a corporation. Something like this replaces
top-down hierarchies with something more consensual
yet, just as effective and just as binding in the real world,
as corporations are today.

(NWSF appeared to be a well-outlined and well-defined multiparty contract. There was a huge list of workshops pledged within a mutual contract. However, it appears that people at the center cancelled the contract without the consent of hundreds of parties to the contract. It appears, people at the center didn't keep books on project elements that were in default. Some critical elements failed, and jeopardized the success of the project. The failure to recognize that there were problems, cut their losses, and adjust course timely, was a classic business failure.)

Respectfully,

Todd Boyle CPA

mutual contracts. AR/AP everywhere. <http://www.ledgerism.net>

At 12:21 PM 10/7/2004, bri@nwsocialforum.org wrote:

>Strongly agreed.

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>Todd, your effective call to a purge is WAY out of line and obviously not

>helpful for what now needs to follow.

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>You could have stepped up to the plate more, as could any of us. Everyone

>working on this project is just working to survive while trying to build

>something better for all of us together.

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>The planning committee, IPC, YPC, and e/o else are all doing the best they
>can, and deserve our respect for their effort. This is obviously a
>separate question from conducting a frank assessment of what worked and
>what didn't, which is going to take a little time.

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>this juncture is petty, and beneath your intellect.

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>@brian

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> > Hello, Todd-

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> > I felt a brush of energy as I read this post which makes me wish I had
>more

> > eloquent words to share with you how grievously wounded, and wounding,
>this

> > kind of communication is to me.

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> > If you are looking for names to attack, let mine be one of them. There
>must

> > be 100s of us, perhaps 1,000s that have been helping to whatever degree
>possible to make this a success. I have no idea what happened with and

>between all the good-hearted people working on this-I only know that it
>must

> > have been extremely painful to those involved.

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> > If it looks like this potential wonder-giving event has been struck by
> whatever it is that shows the imperfections in all of us-it is a loss that
> > can perhaps be turned into some kind of tremendous healing opportunity.

> >

> > Please let's join our energy to help to make it so.

> >

> > In solidarity,

> >

> > Lark Corbeil

> >

> > -----Original Message-----

> > From: Todd Boyle [mailto:tboyle@rosehill.net]

> > Sent: Thursday, October 07, 2004 11:58 AM

> > To: dickburkhart@comcast.net

> > Cc: discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org

> > Subject: Re: [discussion] RE cancellation of the NWSF

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> >>>If this is ever attempted again, it had better be under "new
> management"

> >

> > I strongly agree with that. Are these the names to remember?

> >

> > NWSF Planning Committee

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> > Lynne Dodson, Washington State Jobs with Justice

> > Cindy Domingo, Center for Social Justice

> > Rosalinda Guillen, Food Justice Alliance

>> Fran Korten, Positive Futures Network

>> Lucilene Lira, Friends of the Landless Workers

>> Marco Mejia, American Friends Service Committee, Portland

>> Dan Merkle, Center for Social Justice

>> Michael Ramos

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>> Todd

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>> At 09:28 AM 10/7/2004, Dick Burkhardt wrote:

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>> Canceling the NWSF at this late date, even the IFG program, is going to

>make

>> it much more difficult to do another forum. This means a huge loss in

>credibility. Much better to have started with something small and

>imperfect,

>> but with enthusiasm to do better next time. That's the way the World

>Social

>> Forum started.

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>> The fact that two groups said they would not participate says there must

>have been some misunderstandings or miscommunications. However canceling the

>> event for everyone else is what really reflects badly on the organizers.

>It

>> means that future organizers may have to contend with other groups

>demanding

>> special treatment for their agendas and threatening boycotts.

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>> with all lot of preliminary fence-mending with the IFG and others who
>put
>> a
>> lot of work into this.
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I'm sorry, this is staggering in its racism and patronizingness,. It's clear that you want to reach out to people of color, but the sweeping generalizations, the assumption of attitudes, and such breathtaking statements as, "f you aren't used to living your whole life with that sense of entitlement, it can be difficult to get used to and a bit intimidating because it also means having to take responsibility for one's self instead of relying on others to provide validation." just beyond belief. How dare you assume, first of all that all people of color are poor and marginalized, and second of all that they only exist in comparison to you and your entitlement.

It's abundantly clear why you have had no luck. Until you approach people of color as individuals and as equals, without your cultural baggage, earn their respect, and demonstrate that each of you has something significant to offer the other, they are correct to tell you to go back into you ivory tower of entitlement and spin in it.

I don't believe that generally this is how the outreach was done, but it certainly sheds light of some problems.

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Rebecca, your words I hope might be heard by a wider audience. I couldn't agree more. As one of the "marginalized" groups, at first I was hesitant to do anything without the "permission" of a hierarchy. My life history of poverty, former homelessness, and so on resulted in self-marginalization, and I am glad you chose that term. It's like being a prisoner: you hate the prison, want to rebel against it, yet you become so accustomed to the social control of it, that once you are free you are afraid to empower yourself with that freedom AND accept the responsibility that goes along with it. What might have been helpful, I agree is getting people aware of how the social forum concept works. For me as deadlines approached, and I saw that I had to accept responsibility to do outreach and not have doubts about

whether or not I had the right to do it, I slowly became very empowered and full of passion. Homeless people were truly going to be involved in the forum and I cont!

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do outreach in public housing....after tonight's meeting, I felt sad about what I do see as self-marginalization. Many people who I saw at the meeting had been invited to get involved in the forum, but never participated- I know because I personally made outreach attempts . To see them at tonight's meeting to say they were excluded isn't fair to the organizers. Sometimes I guess it is easier to criticize and keep perpetuating victimization and victimization in its worst form I believe is self-victimization...I do see and respect some of the importance of the IPC decision more clearly now...although I wish the forum could have gone on for the opportunities it offered....I am personally willing to trust once again if there is another attempt to get one going later on...

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kept getting asked things like: why aren't "they" doing outreach to=20
"our" group? And I'd have to reply that there is no "they", it's just=20
we decide we're going to do this or not. It's a different paradigm for=20
many people, it's something that we have to actively teach. Until=20
people "get it" they experience frustration.

I also believe that it is a kind of self-marginalization, because in=20
the old school hierarchical system, marginalized people had to be=20
invited to the table and could not expect to be treated as equals.=20
Institutionalized oppression can leave people with a lingering=20
expectation that "they" need to ask us to be truly included, instead of=20
our own personal sense of empowerment to just take the reins and start=20
going with it. If you aren't used to living your whole life with that=20
sense of entitlement, it can be difficult to get used to and a bit=20
intimidating because it also means having to take responsibility for=20
one's self instead of relying on others to provide validation. Yet, the=20
irony of this is it's racist/sexist/classist to be "invited" (reached=20
out to) as if one needs an external source of validation and sends a=20
subtle message of the "people who have power" offering to share their=20
power with the "people who don't have power". So it's a vicious cycle.

Other than that, many people who I talked to about participating in the=20

forum could not devote the time due to the upcoming elections... the=20
timing was not good in that respect. However, I personally am deeply=20
saddened that the Forum was cancelled and I wish that the planning=20
committee had not made that decision.

On Thursday, October 7, 2004, at 01:34 PM, Nancy Ging wrote:

> There's that separation again. The recent events are not a reflection=20
> of the organizers only. They are a reflection of *all* of us who were=20
> involved with this event in any way. We *all* have responsibility to=20
> accept. Even the word "management" I think reflects how widely=20
> misunderstood the whole social forum planning process has been. It's a=20
> completely different kind of process, and I'd like to see us spend=20
> some time getting more familiar with the fundamental concepts of how=20
> it has worked=A0for the global meetings.
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> What has stood out to me more than anything else throughout this whole=20
> experience is the dramatically different expectations each person=20
> brought to the work. I saw a lot of people come in expecting it to be=20
> a hierarchical planning structure, which was the antithesis of what it=20
> was intended to be. If that's what people were expecting, they were=20
> bound to experience frustration, and understandably so. And vice > versa.
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> If we want to have a successful forum in the future, I think we need=20
> to learn how to unite our expectations, and create a unified vision of=20
> what we're trying to do and how we intend to get there. That doesn't=20
> mean a loss of diversity. It means taking the time to make sure the=20

> process is clearly understood=A0by everyone at the outset. One way to do=
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> this would be to offer=A0training for people as they enter the process=20
> so they're not left to flounder around unexpectedly in uncharted=20
> waters.
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> At any rate, I'd sure feel like we were making more progress if we=20
> could avoid the divisive language, and divisive thinking.
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> For peace,
> Nancy Ging

From: "F. John Jeannot" <FJohnJeannot@msn.com>

To: "NW Social Forum \ (E-mail)" <discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org>

References: <20041007144438.31656.qmail@web20701.mail.yahoo.com>

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If people are still coming to Seattle and still need a place to stay, my home is still open.

John Jeannot

720-6266

----- Original Message -----

From: Lynn Sereda<mailto:lindelspin@yahoo.com>

To: vicki@sevenday.net<mailto:vicki@sevenday.net> ; nancy@turtlehome.com<mailto:nancy@turtlehome.com> ; waal@toolsforchange.org<mailto:waal@toolsforchange.org> ; justice@ccej.org<mailto:justice@ccej.org> ; sam@projectalchemy.org<mailto:sam@projectalchemy.org> ; hacknight@lists.riseup.net<mailto:hacknight@lists.riseup.net> ; fotr@lists.riseup.net<mailto:fotr@lists.riseup.net> ; margo@toolsforchange.org<mailto:margo@toolsforchange.org> ; discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org<mailto:discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org> ; j.ramer@comcast.net<mailto:j.ramer@comcast.net> ; vikis@oz.net<mailto:vikis@oz.net>

Sent: Thursday, October 07, 2004 7:44 AM

Subject: RE: [discussion] RE: [fotr] RE: Planning Committee postpones - clarification full message (please ignore the last)

I think the loss of the NWSF has probably made it impossible for the Homeless Track to regroup and be part of any new effort due to the logistics. A great deal of our program originated from outside the Seattle area and homeless organizers have far fewer resources to simply regroup. I am very concerned that a "scaled back" forum will be far less diverse than what the original one could have been because of these difficulties.

vicki@sevenday.net<mailto:vicki@sevenday.net> wrote:

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Blessings, Vicki Wantland www.sevenday.net

Nancy Ging nancy@turtlehome.com wrote:

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>Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2004 3:43 PM

>To: 'CCEJ'; 'bill aal'; 'Samantha Pearson Moscheck';

>hacknight@lists.riseup.net; fotr@lists.riseup.net

>Cc: 'Margo'; discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org; 'Jon Ramer';

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>1. What motivated the Youth and Indigenous Committees to walk out?

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>2. What are the NWSF planning groups plans at this point?

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>3. What are the concerns of those outside the NWSF planning process?

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>4. What recommendations does the community have for the planning

>community and the future of the NWSF?"

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>And I would add..

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>5. What might we as a community do together?=20

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>S! orry for any confusion arising from earlier emails.

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>In Struggle,

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> Bill Aal

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From: "De Graaf, John" <degrj@kcts.org>

To: "NWSF" <discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org>

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Please take me off this list-one gets tired of this childish bickering.

I was unable to attend the forum in any case because I will be at the Bioneers conference in California at that time, but I must say I find it amazing that organizers would cancel this kind of event because some groups won't participate. It does send the wrong message for the future for any event-that a few groups among many can prevent the work of the many from going forward. With this kind of in-fighting among the already marginalized, it's no accident that progressives are losing right and left in this country. The Right doesn't have to divide and conquer us; we do it to ourselves. I hope that if there is ever another forum it will be about finding a few powerful issues on which we can unite and working together on those to create a majority movement.=20=20

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In solidarity,

John de Graaf

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-----Original Message-----

From: Larry Hildes [mailto:lhildes@earthlink.net]=20

Sent: Thursday, October 07, 2004 1:13 PM

To: NWSF

Subject: Re: [discussion] RE cancellation of the NWSF

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Dear Dick:

My husband and I (Karen Weill) are writing this email together.

I agree that cancelling makes it much more difficult to do another forum. I wish that they had cancelled the workshops, etc., and asked everyone to come together to decide what to do with the time, truly making it a grassroots movement. Larry feels they should have continued the NWSF and had the meeting Rosalinda wrote about. I am sorry to say, cancelling it feels like a continuation of the past style of decision making -- we know better than you, the rest of the people.=20=20

On the other hand, I need to offer a comment to you, I hope you take it in a spirit of learning to work together. I also feel that the comment you made,=20

It means that future organizers may have to contend with other groups demanding special treatment for their agendas and threatening boycotts.=20

was rather racist. I would ask that you apologize for this comment.

Let's not continue the problems that have been started--I am sure, very often, very innocently.

Thanks,

Karen

At 09:28 AM 10/7/2004 -0700, you wrote:

Canceling the NWSF at this late date, even the IFG program, is going to make it much more difficult to do another forum. This means a huge loss in credibility. Much better to have started with something small and imperfect, but with enthusiasm to do better next time. That's the way the World Social Forum started.

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The fact that two groups said they would not participate says there must have been some misunderstandings or miscommunications. However canceling the event for everyone else is what really reflects badly on the organizers. It means that future organizers may have to contend with other groups demanding special treatment for their agendas and threatening boycotts.=20

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If this is ever attempted again, it had better be under new management and with all lot of preliminary fence-mending with the IFG and

others who put a lot of work into this.

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Seattle, WA 98118-3851

206-721-5672 (home) 206-851-0027 (cell)=20=20

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From: "Nancy Ging" <nancy@progressivenexus.org>

To: <vicki@sevenday.net>,

<nancy@turtlehome.com>,

<waal@toolsforchange.org>,

<justice@ccej.org>,

<sam@projectalchemy.org>,

<hacknight@lists.riseup.net>,

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My idea is to try to scale back to local venues. It's unlikely we can pull together people from the whole Pacific Northwest as the Forum would have, but the reach of our networks has been expanded as a result of the forum work. Hopefully we can take advantage of those routes of communication to draw enough people to smaller, more local events.

For example, several of the peace track events had been planned by people who formerly worked together on the state Kucinich for President campaign. We're used to working together, and have organized some fairly large events on short notice. I'm hoping we can assemble some of the activities originally planned for the forum into a day long conference to be held sometime in mid-November. We've already begun work in that direction. I'll keep this list informed of progress.

Surely other forum plans can be morphed into a conference format fairly easily. Hope this helps stimulate other ideas.

For peace,

Nancy Ging

> -----Original Message-----

> From: vicki@sevenday.net [mailto:vicki@sevenday.net]=20

> Sent: Thursday, October 07, 2004 1:42 AM

> To: nancy@turtlehome.com; waal@toolsforchange.org;=20

> justice@ccej.org; sam@projectalchemy.org;=20

> hacknight@lists.riseup.net; fotr@lists.riseup.net;=20

> margo@toolsforchange.org; discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org;=20

> j.ramer@comcast.net; vikis@oz.net

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> >Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2004 3:43 PM

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> community of folks=20

> >who plan/ed on doing workshops/performances at this event.)

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> >Discussion will focus on the following questions:

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> >1. What motivated the Youth and Indigenous Committees to walk out?

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> >2. What are the NWSF planning groups plans at this point?

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> >3. What are the concerns of those outside the NWSF planning process?

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> >4. What recommendations does the community have for the planning=20

> >community and the future of the NWSF?"

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> >And I would add..

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> >5. What might we as a community do together?

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> >

> >Sorry for any confusion arising from earlier emails.

> >

> >In Struggle,

> >

> > Bill Aal

From: "Deborah Green" <debgreen11@comcast.net>

To: "Rosalinda" <rosalindag@qwest.net>,

<discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org>

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nd restructure things productively, such timing might make a credible date.=
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deborah green

----- Original Message -----=20

From: Rosalinda=20

To: discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org=20

Cc: 'Fran Korten' ; 'Cindy Cindy' ; cindy.domingo@metrokc.gov ; 'Marco Me=

jia' ; mejiayep@yahoo.com ; danm@msfseattle.com ; mramos@thechurchcouncil.o=

rg ; WhiteseL@evergreen.edu ; BHasegawa@aol.com ; LDodso@sccd.ctc.edu=20

Sent: Thursday, October 07, 2004 2:36 PM

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From: "Rosalinda" <rosalindag@qwest.net>

To: <discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org>

Cc: "Fran Korten" <fkorten@futurenet.org>,

"Cindy Cindy" <cindynwsf@hotmail.com>,

<cindy.domingo@metrokc.gov>,

"Marco Mejia" <mmejia@afsc.org>,

<mejiayep@yahoo.com>,

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The NWSF Planning Committee.

From: "Larry Hildes" <lhildes@earthlink.net>

In-Reply-To: <010801c4acad\$c504c3c0\$3be0bb3f@pacem>

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It IS a beautiful idea. Can you come to the meeting tonight (Oct. 7th) to offer it to the grassroots movement that is trying to decide what to do in response to the cancelling of the NWSF?

October 7th, East Cherry YWCA is at 2820 East Cherry St. (in basement) 6:00-8:00PM.

This is a meeting open to everyone who wishes to speak or hear about the issues associated with the NWSF, with the ultimate goal of moving forward and deciding what to do now.

I don't think my husband (Larry) and I (Karen) can make it tonight. I would like to request a second such meeting, perhaps this weekend, for us to come together, perhaps in a larger space, so that more people have an opportunity to participate. One of the complaints that has come through more than once is that the Planning Committee felt they were doing too

much, and became exhausted and burnt-out. I believe that if we involve more people in the planning phases, even given the lack of time, the better we'll be both for that problem, and for the problem of folks who did not feel consulted. Those who are far away, Portland, Vancouver and Alaska, for example, let us know how to include you.

Thank you

Karen (using my husband's email)

At 01:39 PM 10/7/2004 -0700, you wrote:

>Brava, Lucy!! Beautiful idea!

>-----Original Message-----

>From: LouSeal@aol.com [mailto:LouSeal@aol.com]

>Sent: Thursday, October 07, 2004 10:26 AM

>To: discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org

>Subject: Re: [discussion] RE cancellation of the NWSF

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>I would like to offer the holding and creating of healing

>space. Specifically on Sunday,

>Oct 17, from 11:00 to 2:00. I think the grassy space next to the big red

>sculpture would make a good spot.

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>If anyone would like to help hold and create this kind of space, please

>call 360 990-1180 and we can talk a bit about it. I'm thinking a healing

>circle sort of format might be nice.

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>Hope to see you.

>

>with love,

>Lucy Bukrey

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>who was/is working on a visioning art project thing with the Spirituality

>and Justice track people

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>Lasting change is not brought about by everyone doing their own thing. It

>is brought about by a group of dedicated individuals all doing the same thing.

>K. Thornburg

>

From: "Nancy Ging" <nancy@turtlehome.com>

To: <dickburkhart@comcast.net>,

<discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org>

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There's that separation again. The recent events are not a reflection of the organizers only. They are a reflection of **all** of us who were involved with this event in any way. We **all** have responsibility to accept. Even the word "management" I think reflects how widely misunderstood the whole social forum planning process has been. It's a completely different kind of process, and I'd like to see us spend some time getting more familiar with the fundamental concepts of how it has worked for the global meetings.

What has stood out to me more than anything else throughout this whole experience is the dramatically different expectations each person brought to the work. I saw a lot of people come in expecting it to be a hierarchical planning structure, which was the antithesis of what it was intended to be. If that's what people were expecting, they were bound to experience frustration, and understandably so. And vice versa.

If we want to have a successful forum in the future, I think we need to

learn how to unite our expectations, and create a unified vision of what we're trying to do and how we intend to get there. That doesn't mean a loss of diversity. It means taking the time to make sure the process is clearly understood by everyone at the outset. One way to do this would be to offer training for people as they enter the process so they're not left to flounder around unexpectedly in uncharted waters.

At any rate, I'd sure feel like we were making more progress if we could avoid the divisive language, and divisive thinking.

For peace,

Nancy Ging

-----Original Message-----

Sent: Thursday, October 07, 2004 9:29 AM

To: discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org

Subject: [discussion] RE cancellation of the NWSF

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The fact that two groups said they would not participate says there must have been some misunderstandings or miscommunications. However canceling the event for everyone else is what really reflects badly on the organizers. It means that future organizers may have to contend with other groups demanding special treatment for their agendas and threatening boycotts.

From: "Larry Hildes" <lhildes@earthlink.net>

Cc: <dickburkhart@comcast.net>,
<discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org>

In-Reply-To: <4165860F.9080304@comcast.net>

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Taking names and laying blame is NOT helpful. I think pulling people together to move forward is a much better way to deal with it. I honor the Panning Committee for having the courage to admit their mistakes and say, we really messed up. I don't agree with their ultimate decision, because, as I said in a previous email, I believe it continues the high-handed decision style that Larry and I have had occasion to deal with personally. If you want to build another world, finding ways for people to come together and find ways to work together is much more helpful than to say, OK, here's the folks we're going to ostracize. We be too few and they be too many; we need to be role models on how to do it differently. This ain't it.

Thank you,

Karen (using Larry's email)

At 11:08 AM 10/7/2004 -0700, lika smith wrote:

>That attitude is not helpful. You cannot blame a few for the lack of

>help- vision- of many.

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>Todd Boyle wrote:

>> >>If this is ever attempted again, it had better be under new management

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>>I strongly agree with that. Are these the names to remember?

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>> NWSF Planning Committee

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- >> Lynne Dodson, Washington State Jobs with Justice
- >> Cindy Domingo, Center for Social Justice
- >> Rosalinda Guillen, Food Justice Alliance
- >> Fran Korten, Positive Futures Network
- >> Lucilene Lira, Friends of the Landless Workers
- >> Marco Mejia, American Friends Service Committee, Portland
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>>><mailto:dickburkhart@comcast.net>dickburkhart@comcast.net

>>>

From: "Larry Hildes" <lhildes@earthlink.net>

In-Reply-To: <002201c4ac8a\$bb18de50\$6501a8c0@DICK>

References: <002401c4ac82\$271107d0\$0200000a@MarkOffice>

MIME-Version: 1.0

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Subject: Re: [discussion] RE cancellation of the NWSF

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Dear Dick:

My husband and I (Karen Weill) are writing this email together.

I agree that cancelling makes it much more difficult to do another forum. I wish that they had cancelled the workshops, etc., and asked everyone to come together to decide what to do with the time, truly making it a grassroots movement. Larry feels they should have continued the NWSF and had the meeting Rosalinda wrote about. I am sorry to say, cancelling it feels like a continuation of the past style of decision making -- we know better than you, the rest of the people.

On the other hand, I need to offer a comment to you, I hope you take it in a spirit of learning to work together. I also feel that the comment you made,

It means that future organizers may have to contend with other groups demanding special treatment for their agendas and threatening boycotts.

was rather racist. I would ask that you apologize for this comment. Let's not continue the problems that have been started--I am sure, very often, very innocently.

Thanks,

Karen

At 09:28 AM 10/7/2004 -0700, you wrote:

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From: "Timothy Harris" <rchange@speakeasy.org>

To: <lark@rmci.net>,
 "Todd Boyle" <tboyle@rosehill.net>,
 <dickburkhart@comcast.net>

Cc: <discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org>

Message-ID: <BD8AE9DC.6237%rchange@speakeasy.org>

In-Reply-To: <010701c4ac99\$96f440a0\$3201a8c0@cciserv01>

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List-Archive: <http://lists.nwsocialforum.org/lists/arc/discussion>

Subject: Re: [discussion] RE cancellation of the NWSF

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How about, =B3When the left holds a firing squad, they stand in a circle.=

=B2

On 10/7/04 11:15 AM, "Lark Corbeil" <lark@rmci.net> wrote:

> Hello, Todd=8B

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> I felt a brush of energy as I read this post which makes me wish I had mo=

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Timothy Harris

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From: <bri@nwsocialforum.org>

To: <discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org>

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Strongly agreed.

Todd, your effective call to a purge is WAY out of line and obviously not helpful for what now needs to follow.

You could have stepped up to the plate more, as could any of us. Everyone working on this project is just working to survive while trying to build something better for all of us together.

The planning committee, IPC, YPC, and e/o else are all doing the best they can, and deserve our respect for their effort. This is obviously a separate question from conducting a frank assessment of what worked and

what didn't, which is going to take a little time.

To cast aspersions on an overworked, understaffed planning committee at this juncture is petty, and beneath your intellect.

@brian

> Hello, Todd-

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> I felt a brush of energy as I read this post which makes me wish I had more

> eloquent words to share with you how grievously wounded, and wounding, this

> kind of communication is to me.

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> If you are looking for names to attack, let mine be one of them. There must

> be 100s of us, perhaps 1,000s that have been helping to whatever degree possible to make this a success. I have no idea what happened with and between all the good-hearted people working on this-I only know that it must

> have been extremely painful to those involved.

>

> If it looks like this potential wonder-giving event has been struck by whatever it is that shows the imperfections in all of us-it is a loss that

> can perhaps be turned into some kind of tremendous healing opportunity.

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> Please let's join our energy to help to make it so.

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> In solidarity,

>
> Lark Corbeil

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Todd Boyle [mailto:tboyle@rosehill.net]
> Sent: Thursday, October 07, 2004 11:58 AM
> To: dickburkhart@comcast.net
> Cc: discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org
> Subject: Re: [discussion] RE cancellation of the NWSF

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management"

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> I strongly agree with that. Are these the names to remember?

>
> NWSF Planning Committee

>
> Lynne Dodson, Washington State Jobs with Justice

> Cindy Domingo, Center for Social Justice

> Rosalinda Guillen, Food Justice Alliance

> Fran Korten, Positive Futures Network

> Lucilene Lira, Friends of the Landless Workers

> Marco Mejia, American Friends Service Committee, Portland

> Dan Merkle, Center for Social Justice

> Michael Ramos

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> Todd

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> At 09:28 AM 10/7/2004, Dick Burkhardt wrote:

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From: <vikis@oz.net>

To: <discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org>

Date: Thu, 07 Oct 2004 11:49:45 -0700

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Priority: normal

In-Reply-To: <BD8AD16E.FF3%vcsf_media@telus.net>

References: <a06110419bd8b20e05541@[192.168.0.2]>

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List-Owner: <mailto:discussion-request@lists.nwsocialforum.org>

List-Archive: <http://lists.nwsocialforum.org/lists/arc/discussion>

Subject: [discussion] Posting Notes from Our Discussions

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Sara's (from the Vancouver Social Forum) suggestion to post minutes from tonight's meeting is I think an important one.

We need to be able to hear other voices -- the diversity of ideas, experiences, strategies, stories, thoughts, views -- to be able to become part of something larger than our own interest and identity groups. The flow of information and ideas, along with an open heart and mind for these to flow through, is essential to participation and self-organizing for another world.

It is hard that it is only now that the sharing of information and decision-making is beginning to happen outside of our own individual groups -- yet hopeful.

It would be great if everyone could post the notes from meetings, gatherings and healings that are happening all over in response to the need to express ourselves.

Thanks to the organizers of the homeless programming for posting their responses. It would be great if there was a community bulletin board that could collect these in one place (not making it necessary to go to the archives) and also to compile a list of all the "trees" (meeting places) we will be coming together under, along with times.

Viki Sonntag

From: "Larry Hildes" <lhildes@earthlink.net>

In-Reply-To: <20041007144901.41761.qmail@web20703.mail.yahoo.com>

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Please verify all of your info for us. Isthe info about the event on the=

=20

14th, etc. verified?

Larry Hildes

At 07:49 AM 10/7/2004 -0700, Lynn Sereda wrote:

>For everyone's information...

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>Tent City <bigtentcity@yahoo.co.uk> wrote:

>Date: Thu, 7 Oct 2004 15:40:36 +0100 (BST)

>From: Tent City

>Subject: IPC and YPC pull out, NWSF, The Filmore Hotel, WCTCC

>To: Barry C

>CC: Paul Pottinger ,

>Steven Schrock ,

>Seattle's Lynne

>

>Hey Barry (and Paul and Steven, everyone),

>

>great to hear from you, too. Shame about the=20

><<http://www.nwsocialforum.org/>>Northwest Social Forum gettin' mash up, did=

=20

>hear that the International Forum on Globalisation pre-event, scheduled=20

>for October 14 will not be held, seem seh the IPC and the YPC pull out of=

=20

>the planning stage and much good organizing work come to dust.

>

>I don't really know how that effect the remainder of the NWSF and Iman=20

>wonder what Lynne (copied) is thinking.

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>Yesterday crossroads, Street Roots and Dignity (all copied) hammered out=

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>our presentation for the Right to Sleep campaign on which we've all been=

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>working for the past year.

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>Here at Dignity it's easy for the Village Players (copied) and our=20

>organization/community (copied) to come together and reason about the=20

>situation as most of us live in Dignity Village. We'll do this later today.

>

>What's more difficult is to get the sense of where our brothers and=20

>sisters and allies (copied) stand as regards the West Coast Tent City=20

>Convergence which had planned/plans to descend upon and become part of the=

=20

>Northwest Social Forum as we're separated by greater distances.

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>SHARE/WHEEL, DTCL, Ashland, Tacoma, Hope Village (all copied), what say yo=

u?

>

>Strong in solidarity and community.

>Jack Tafari.

>

>Barry C <cbarrymail@yahoo.com> wrote:

>Hey Jack,

>So long to get back to you, great to hear from

>you....busy with many exciting changes in my world,

>now settling in...and it looks like i will be able to

>make it to see 'The Filmore' and the 'Convergence',

>excited but still a little shakey about time....it'll

>be the Saturday or Sunday...but someone from Real

>Change TV will be there whether i can or

>not...probably Paul or Steve....so how do we proceed,

>to make the plan...

>

>peace and more soon,

>barry

>Real Change TV

>cbarrymail@yahoo.com

>

>--- Tent City wrote:

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> > Hmm, dunno Lynn.

> >

> > Hey Barry at Real Change TV (copied), think you

> > might have some time for some filmwork at the Tent

> > City Convergence on 15, 16, 17 October? Dignity's

> > Village Players are putting on a performance of a

> > play The Fillmore ! Hotel on the 16th and we should

> > have some interesting workshops with a number of our

> > allied organizations.

> >

> > Let us know if you can schedule us in!

> >

> > Peace.

> > Jack.

> >

> > Lynn Sereda wrote:

> > How about the idea of Real Change TV doing some film

> > coverage of

> > The Fillmore Hotel, and some of the other happenings

> > at the Tent City Convergence?

>>

>> Tent City wrote:

>> Hey Adam Earl Hyla,

>>

>> great to hear from you after all this time and thank

>> playwright Helen for the great artwork which we only

>> coloured. I'll link to <http://realchange.org> and see

>> if I can find the NWSF story to post on

>> <http://dignityvillage.org> on Monday.

>>

>> Here's a page from the first May performance of The

>> Filmore Hotel which contains a review, photos, and a

>> programme, all of which Real Change is of course

>> very welcome to use in its piece. It's good you'll

>> have a photog there for your NWSF piece in October

>> as our organization is transitional and some cast

>> members have changed since the original performance.

>>

>> Look forward to reading your work, Mr Real Change

>> managing editor and journo!

>>

>> Blessed love.

>> Jack Iya Tafari.

>>

>> PS Give I best regards, love&rspct to Tim Harris.

>>

>> Adam Earl Holdorf Hyla

> > wrote:

> > Hi Jack, it=92s a pleasure to hear from you again.

> > Thank you for the introduction.

> >

> > We have a little blurb on the Fillmore performance

> > tucked into a bigger piece on the NWSF on page 3 of

> > tomorrow=92s paper. I want to put a calendar item

> > (with a picture of a previous performance, if one is

> > available; Helen do you have one?) in our Oct. 14

> > issue. And I=92ll sen! d a reporter and photographer (if

> > that=92s OK?) to the Seattle performance. Do you have

> > a date and time for it yet?

> >

> > I love the poster! Great artwork.

> >

> > =97Adam

> > --

> > Adam Earl Holdorf Hyla

> > Editor, Real Change Newspaper

> > 206-441-3247 x207

> > editor@realchangenews.org

> >

> >

> > On 9/28/04 12:59 PM, Tent City wrote

> >

> > Thanks Iz and Hello Adam H, managing editor of

> > Seattle's Real Change.

> >

> > Adam, let me etroduce to you Helen Hill, activist,
> > playwright, Renaissance and warrior woman, Chrysler
> > Chelle who brilliantly portrays Della, Ross who
> > plays the artist Max who carries around a paintbrush
> > to get out of REAL work. You might remember me from
> > a story you did about Dignity back when we lived
> > under the Freemont Bridge, Jack Tafari who plays
> > Winston the fisherman in our play The Filmore Hotel
> > .!

> >

> > It looks like we'll be performing our play up your
> > way during the Northwest Social Forum as part of the
> > West Coast Tent City Convergence and I'm wondering
> > if a story might be of interest to your readership?
> > There's lots of information about the play on
> > <http://dignityvillage.org> which features a
> > convenient search engine and over the weekend we
> > performed at the Bay City Arts Center as part of
> > Tillamook County's Homeless Awareness Week
> >

> > and raised money for our building program, the Bay
> > City Arts Center, and the Tillamook Food Bank.
> >

> > Let we know your thoughts on a possible piece about
> > our play.
> >

> > Best regards,
> > Jack Tafari,
> > Vice Chair,
> > Dignity Village.
> >
> > israel bayer wrote:
> > Helen and Jack - Real Change up in Seattle is
> > looking to do a promo and
> > possible a! piece on the Filmore for the Seattle
> > visit. You can reach Adam,
> > the managing editor at editor@realchangenews.org
> >
> > Keep up the good work. Peace, Israel
> >
> >
> > >
> > >Hello Helen.
> > >
> > >Yes, the light came in again through the windows
> > this morning and here
> > we are, home again. Yes, quite the experience over
> > the weekend which
> > <http://dignityvillage.org> now reflects:
> > >
> > >Latest Updates: Below are the latest updates to our
> > web site and about
> > Dignity Village.

> > >Monday, September 27, 2004

> > >Locally, Dignity's Village Players rocked the Bay

> > City Arts Center

> > Saturday night with their performance of The Filmore

> > Hotel, part of

> > Tillamook County's Homeless Awareness Week, raising

> > funds for not only

> > Dignity Village but for Tillamook County's Food

> > Bank and the Bay City Arts

> > Center. We hope to see you there at Wednesday

> > night's performance at the

> > Eliot Hall Chapel at Reed College.

> > >Regionally, there's an important convergence coming

> > up on October 15, 16

> > and 17th. The West Coast Tent City Convergence is

> > being held on those dates

> > as part of the Northwest Social Forum at Seattle

> > Center and tent city

> > efforts from Denver to Vancouver, B.C., will be in

> > attendance.

> > >Internationally, this year's Crisis Innovations

> > Fair is also coming up

> > in October in London in the U.K. The theme of this

> > year's fair is

> > "Homelessness and Loneliness: Building Social

> > Capital in the

> > Twenty-first Century" and will feature a speaker

> > from Dignity Village.

> > >The Wavy Gravy visit apparently went very well and

> > I'm sorry we missed

> > the chance to meet an American icon. I understand

> > shu! tterbug Lee took many

> > pics which I'll have to ask him for to add Mr Gravy

> > and his wife Johandra to

> > our We Get Many Visitors page.

> > >

> > >Yes, the cast will get together today and run

> > lines, everyone's up for

> > it. About the Reed performance, we'll need to put

> > together an insert

> > explaining how to donate to our building fund as

> > we're not allowed to

> > collect at the gate. Do you have any ideas of what

> > the insert should look

> > like?

> > >

> > >I hope Rob Manning manages to attend the dress

> > rehearsal Wednesday, his

> > coverage on OPB is always balanced and fair and

> > should generate interest and

> > fuller attendance for the remainder of the tour.

> > >

> > >Jah know Iman smite the rat and sleep sound inna mi

> > bed, honoured by the

> > Lion, Rasta to the bone.

> > >

> > >Jah guide,

> > >Jack.

> > >

> > >helen hill wrote:

> > >Hello friend Jack!

> > >Just want to know everyone made it back okay

> > yesterday!

> > >Thought of you all often through the day...

> > >Wow, what a weekend!

> > >Great times.

> > >How was the Wavy Gravy visit?

> > >

> > >Say, tomorrow is our regular rehearsal day, but I

> > won't be there, like I

> > >told everyone. But I think its a good idea to run

> > lines with the cast...

>

>

>

>I will always be on the side of those who have nothing and are not even=20

>allowed to enjoy the nothing they have in peace.

>

>--Frederico Garcia Lorca

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From: "Mark Dworkin" <video@whidbey.com>

To: <discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org>

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I agree with the many expressions of dismay about cancellation of the NW Social Forum, and I too have the greatest respect for everyone involved. This makes it all the more shocking - not only was the forum cancelled but the decision was made by people whose work and judgment we respect. Clearly something powerful happened that we do not know about. I wish we did, and I wish we had known about it before it was too late.

I do not know what the grievances were that led to the withdrawal of some from the NW Social Forum. I wish I did.

I do not know how the planning committee responded and why. I wish I did.

But what is most remarkable to me is that this outpouring of dismay demonstrates that activists in the many movements of our region feel a sense of ownership of the forum - that we had all looked forward to the NW Social Forum as a vehicle for activists and progressive minded people in our region to learn about one another and build new connections for future work. It was the steadfast work of a few, who eventually grew into the planning committee that built this sense of ownership. Perhaps they succeeded more than they realized.

But if the movement owns the forum, how can the planning committee call it off? Especially without a broad discussion among all of us who felt [feel] such a sense of ownership? I hope that discussion will still happen tonight.

Mark Dworkin

From: "Lark Corbeil" <lark@rmci.net>

To: "'Todd Boyle'" <tboyle@rosehill.net>,
<dickburkhart@comcast.net>

Cc: <discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org>

Date: Thu, 7 Oct 2004 12:15:10 -0600

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Hello, Todd-

I felt a brush of energy as I read this post which makes me wish I had more eloquent words to share with you how grievously wounded, and wounding, this kind of communication is to me.

If you are looking for names to attack, let mine be one of them. There must be 100s of us, perhaps 1,000s that have been helping to whatever degree possible to make this a success. I have no idea what happened with and between all the good-hearted people working on this-I only know that it must have been extremely painful to those involved.

If it looks like this potential wonder-giving event has been struck by

whatever it is that shows the imperfections in all of us-it is a loss that
can perhaps be turned into some kind of tremendous healing opportunity.

Please let's join our energy to help to make it so.

In solidarity,

Lark Corbeil

-----Original Message-----

From: Todd Boyle [mailto:tboyle@rosehill.net]

Sent: Thursday, October 07, 2004 11:58 AM

To: dickburkhart@comcast.net

Cc: discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org

Subject: Re: [discussion] RE cancellation of the NWSF

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I strongly agree with that. Are these the names to remember?

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From: <LouSeal@aol.com>

Message-ID: <1d4.2c88df83.2e96d637@aol.com>

Date: Thu, 7 Oct 2004 13:26:15 EDT

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The cancellation of the NW Social Form comes as a shock and disappointment.

I think it took amazing courage for everyone to make the decisions they made. I see what has happened as healthy and empowering for those involved, for all of us in the global justice movement. The high price of learning to create change will test us all. Kudos to the youth and the elders for speaking

out. Kudos to the planning committee for choosing solidarity. These are the very same powerful acts we wish to embody in that other world that is possible.

Yes, I like the idea of a grassroots effort to go forward with the NW social Forum. I tend to favor meeting under trees in our shared commons spaces. I think I will be showing up at the Seattle Center too.

I would like to offer the holding and creating of healing space.

Specifically on Sunday,

Oct 17, from 11:00 to 2:00. I think the grassy space next to the big red sculpture would make a good spot.

If anyone would like to help hold and create this kind of space, please call 360 990-1180 and we can talk a bit about it. I'm thinking a healing circle sort of format might be nice.

Hope to see you.

with love,

Lucy Bukrey

who was/is working on a visioning art project thing with the Spirituality and Justice track people

Lasting change is not brought about by everyone doing their own thing. It is brought about by a group of dedicated individuals all doing the same thing.

K. Thornburg

From: "Lynn Sereda" <lindelspin@yahoo.com>

To: <discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org>

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israel bayer <rocketpoetry@hotmail.com> wrote:From: "israel bayer"

To: lindelspin@yahoo.com, bigtentcity@yahoo.co.uk, anitraweb@mac.com, hellonwheels2_813@hotmail.com, mdmalerbi@yahoo.com, kathleen.merryman@mail.tribnet.com, underthebridgeministry@yahoo.com, leoshare2001@yahoo.com

Subject: RE: Fwd: NWSF will not be convened next weekend.

Date: Thu, 07 Oct 2004 09:40:54 -0700

Can you pass this on the NW Social Forum.... thanks, Israel

To whom it may concern,

After reading the content on the website about why you have canceled the forum, street roots is deeply saddened that you have chosen to derail the events next weekend.

While we respect the views of the Natives and Youth committees in this process, we believe it's very irresponsible to end a conference bringing movements across class, race and gender lines together. We have to face racism, sexism and classism head on. And by derailing this event we are not facing anything head on. We have chosen to walk away, something, unfortunately that is very typical of the left.

Many organizations (economically strapped) had already purchased plane, train, bus tickets to get to Seattle, and more so, the energy among the groups involved on the homeless front in Portland has been deflated momentarily. Sure, it's a drop in the bucket in larger scheme of things, but it's also 9 days before the event. People were excited.

We do commend the efforts of people working with the NW Social Forum. This is not an attack on the committee or all of the great people involved. We just feel the show should have gone on...

Sincerely,

Israel Bayer

street roots

From: "Levey" <levey@wisdomatwork.com>

Cc: <discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org>,
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Subject: [discussion] A Time To Be Present WITH the Community

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Dear Cindy, Dan, Fran, Lucilene, Rosalinda,

A most heartfelt hello to you all and deepest thanks to each of you
for your efforts to bring our community together for the Forum.

We write because we have heard that some of you are not intending to
attend the community meeting this evening and to strongly encourage
you to reconsider. We can imagine that be present in the community
at large may be daunting to you at this time, but this is a time for
you to BE PRESENT

WITH the community. This is a moment, as Jon Ramer said in his
letter to Dan, that is "a test of values, character, and leadership"
and we and many people do not want to see you fail or miss this
opportunity for healing and learning so vital to our movement

forward. This is not a time to turn your back on the community or to withdraw or to be absent from this circle. This is a time to at least be present with the community, to listen, to learn, to empathize, to understand, and if you like, to speak what is true in your own hearts for us all to hear, take to heart and understand. You may be tired, overwhelmed, or otherwise not wanting to attend this meeting -- but this is a time for community learning and healing, and we would be deeply sad for each of you if you walk away from this or other opportunities in the days, weeks and months to come to help to foster this healing and learning which is and will be vital to our capacity as a diverse community to come together, organize, appreciate each other, and work together to truly demonstrate that "another BETTER world is possible!" and that we are able--and willing--courageous, and connected enough to do the deep inner and outer work together necessary to make this happen.

With deep respect & sincerity,

Joel & Michelle Levey

(who were working on the NWSF Networking and Connection Space team

...and who have worked extensively with diverse, multiethnic communities around the globe)

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"Love is the only emotion
that expands intelligence."

From: "Kathy Schrier" <kschrier@qwest.net>

To: <dickburkhart@comcast.net>

Cc: <discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org>

MIME-Version: 1.0

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It seems that the gathering next weekend would have been an opportunity=20
to address the issues surrounding the choice of some groups not to=20
participate. Gosh, throwing in the towel on the whole event because=20
certain groups refused to attend, seems very overreactive. Personally,=20
I'm extremely disappointed that I won't have the opportunity to attend=20
sessions on democratic education, my area of interest. As president of=20
the Washington Journalism Education Assn., I rescheduled our state=20
board meeting just so I could attend on the 16th. Hopefully this won't=20
destroy the possibility of future NWSF gatherings, but credibility will=20
certainly be an issue.

Kathy Schrier

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To: <discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org>

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From: "Mark Dworkin " <video@whidbey.com>

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Subject: [discussion] another social forum is possible

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To: "nwsf" <discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org>

Sent: Thursday, October 07, 2004 3:49 AM

Subject: [discussion] Of Forging Possibilities and Trust in the Movement -

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> in peace and with utmost respect,
> Ashanti Stearns

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> for the entire weekend can be done in one morning
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> people but I see a way that even that obstacle can be
> overcome. I'll see you at the meeting tomorrow
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> I, for one, will be showing up next weekend around
> Seattle Center, looking for activists to talk with and
> we'll find a place to do it, under a tree if
> necessary.
>
> in peace and with utmost respect,
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> for organizing an impromptu grass roots day-long or
> weekend long conference format that is incredibly
> inclusive and amazingly non-hierarchical. It's a very
> succinct process. All the planning for group meetings
> for the entire weekend can be done in one morning
> session. True, I've never seen it done with 6-7,000
> people but I see a way that even that obstacle can be
> overcome. I'll see you at the meeting tomorrow
> night;) and sorry for the long-winded post, I'm
> working on my own succinctness.
>

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For everyone's information...

Tent City <bigtentcity@yahoo.co.uk> wrote:Date: Thu, 7 Oct 2004 15:40:36 +0100 (BST)

From: Tent City

Subject: IPC and YPC pull out, NWSF, The Filmore Hotel, WCTCC

To: Barry C

CC: Paul Pottinger

,

Steven Schrock ,

Seattle's Lynne

Hey Barry (and Paul and Steven, everyone),

great to hear from you, too. Shame about the Northwest Social Forum gettin' mash up, did hear that the International Forum on Globalisation pre-event, scheduled for October 14 will not be held, seem seh the IPC and the YPC pull out of the planning stage and much good organizing work come to dust.

I don't really know how that effect the remainder of the NWSF and Iman wonder what Lynne (copied) is thinking.

Yesterday crossroads, Street Roots and Dignity (all copied) hammered out our presentation for the Right to Sleep campaign on which we've all been working for the past year.

Here at Dignity it's easy for the Village Players (copied) and our organization/community (copied) to come together and reason about the situation as most of us live in Dignity Village. We'll do this later today.

What's more difficult is to get the sense of where our brothers and sisters and allies (copied) stand as regards the West Coast Tent City Convergence which had planned/plans to descend upon and become part of the Northwest Social Forum as we're separated by greater distances.

SHARE/WHEEL, DTCI, Ashland, Tacoma, Hope Village (all copied), what say you?

Strong in solidarity and community.

Jack Tafari.

Barry C <cbarrymail@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hey Jack,

So long to get back to you, great to hear from
you....busy with many exciting changes in my world,
now settling in...and it looks like i will be able to
make it to see 'The Filmore' and the 'Convergence',
excited but still a little shakey about time....it'll
be the Saturday or Sunday...but someone from Real
Change TV will be there whether i can or

not...probably Paul or Steve....so how do we proceed,

to make the plan...

peace and more soon,

barry

Real Change TV

cbarrymail@yahoo.com

--- Tent City wrote:

> Hmm, dunno Lynn.

>

> Hey Barry at Real Change TV (copied), think you

> might have some time for some filmwork at the Tent

> City Convergence on 15, 16, 17 October? Dignity's

> Village Players are putting on a performance of a

> play The Filmore Hotel on the 16th and we should

> have some interesting workshops with a number of our

> allied organizations.

>

> Let us know if you can schedule us in!

>

> Peace.

> Jack.

>

> Lynn Sereda

wrote:

> How about the idea of Real Change TV doing some film
> coverage of
> The Fillmore Hotel, and some of the other happenings
> at the Tent City Convergence?
>
> Tent City wrote:
> Hey Adam Earl Hyla,
>
> great to hear from you after all this time and thank
> playwright Helen for the great artwork which we only
> coloured. I'll link to <http://realchange.org> and see
> if I can find the NWSF story to post on
> <http://dignityvillage.org> on Monday.
>
> Here's a page from the first May performance of The
> Filmore Hotel which contains a review, photos, and a
> programme, all of which Real Change is of course
> very welcome to use in its piece. It's good you'll
> have a photog there for your NWSF piece in October
> as our organization is transitional and some cast
> members have changed since the original performance.
>
> Look forward to reading your work, Mr Real Change
> managing editor and journo!
>
> Blessed love.
> Jack Iya Tafari.

>

> PS Give I best regards, love&rspct to Tim Harris.

>

> Adam Earl Holdorf Hyla

> wrote:

> Hi Jack, it's a pleasure to hear from you again.

> Thank you for the introduction.

>

> We have a little blurb on the Fillmore performance

> tucked into a bigger piece on the NWSF on page 3 of

> tomorrow's paper. I want to put a calendar item

> (with a picture of a previous performance, if one is

> available; Helen do you have one?) in our Oct. 14

> issue. And I'll send a reporter and photographer (if

> that's OK?) to the Seattle performance. Do you have

> a date and time for it yet?

>

> I love the poster! Great artwork.

>

> —Adam

> --

> Adam Earl Holdorf Hyla

> Editor, Real Change Newspaper

> 206-441-3247 x207

> editor@realchangenews.org

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>

> On 9/28/04 12:59 PM, Tent City wrote

>

> Thanks Iz and Hello Adam H, managing editor of

> Seattle's Real Change.

>

> Adam, let me etroduce to you Helen Hill, activist,

> playwright, Renaissance and warrior woman, Chrysler

> Chelle who brilliantly portrays Della, Ross who

> plays the artist Max who carries around a paintbrush

> to get out of REAL work. You might remember me from

> a story you did about Dignity back when we lived

> under the Fremont Bridge, Jack Tafari who plays

> Winston the fisherman in our play The Filmore Hotel

> .

>

> It looks like we'll be performing our play up your

> way during the Northwest Social Forum as part of the

> West Coast Tent City Convergence and I'm wondering

> if a story might be of interest to your readership?

> There's lots of information about the play on

> <http://dignityvillage.org> which features a

> convenient search engine and over the weekend we

> performed at the Bay City Arts Center as part of

> Tillamook County's Homeless Awareness Week

>

> and raised money for our building program, the Bay

> City Arts Center, and the Tillamook Food Bank.

>

> Let us know your thoughts on a possible piece about

> our play.

>

> Best regards,

> Jack Tafari,

> Vice Chair,

> Dignity Village.

>

> israel bayer wrote:

> Helen and Jack - Real Change up in Seattle is

> looking to do a promo and

> possible a piece on the Filmore for the Seattle

> visit. You can reach Adam,

> the managing editor at editor@realchangenews.org

>

> Keep up the good work. Peace, Israel

>

>

> >

> >Hello Helen.

> >

> >Yes, the light came in again through the windows

> this morning and here

> we are, home again. Yes, quite the experience over

> the weekend which

> <http://dignityvillage.org> now reflects:

> >

> >Latest Updates: Below are the latest updates to our

> web site and about

> Dignity Village.

> >Monday, September 27, 2004

> >Locally, Dignity's Village Players rocked the Bay

> City Arts Center

> Saturday night with their performance of The Filmore

> Hotel, part of

> Tillamook County's Homeless Awareness Week, raising

> funds for not only

> Dignity Village but for Tillamook County's Food

> Bank and the Bay City Arts

> Center. We hope to see you there at Wednesday

> night's performance at the

> Eliot Hall Chapel at Reed College.

> >Regionally, there's an important convergence coming

> up on October 15, 16

> and 17th. The West Coast Tent City Convergence is

> being held on those dates

> as part of the Northwest Social Forum at Seattle

> Center and tent city

> efforts from Denver to Vancouver, B.C., will be in

> attendance.

> >Internationally, this year's Crisis Innovations

> Fair is also coming up

> in October in London in the U.K. The theme of this

> year's fair is

> "Homelessness and Loneliness: Building Social

> Capital in the

> Twenty-first Century" and will feature a speaker

> from Dignity Village.

> >The Wavy Gravy visit apparently went very well and

> I'm sorry we missed

> the chance to meet an American icon. I understand

> shutterbug Lee took many

> pics which I'll have to ask him for to add Mr Gravy

> and his wife Johandra to

> our We Get Many Visitors page.

> >

> >Yes, the cast will get together today and run

> lines, everyone's up for

> it. About the Reed performance, we'll need to put

> together an insert

> explaining how to donate to our building fund as

> we're not allowed to

> collect at the gate. Do you have any ideas of what

> the insert should look

> like?

> >

> >I hope Rob Manning manages to attend the dress

> rehearsal Wednesday, his

> coverage on OPB is always balanced and fair and

> should generate interest and

> fuller attendance for the remainder of the tour.

> >

> >Jah know Iman smite the rat and sleep sound inna mi

> bed, honoured by the

> Lion, Rasta to the bone.

> >

> >Jah guide,

> >Jack.

> >

> >helen hill wrote:

> >Hello friend Jack!

> >Just want to know everyone made it back okay

> yesterday!

> >Thought of you all often through the day...

> >Wow, what a weekend!

> >Great times.

> >How was the Wavy Gravy visit?

> >

> >Say, tomorrow is our regular rehearsal day, but I

> won't be there, like I

> >told everyone. But I think its a good idea to run

> lines with the cast...

I will always be on the side of those who have nothing and are not even allowed to enjoy the nothing they have in peace.

--Frederico Garcia Lorca

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I think the loss of the NWSF has probably made it impossible for the Homeless Track to regroup and be part of any new effort due to the logistics. A great deal of our program originated from outside the Seattle area and homeless

organizers have far fewer resources to simply regroup. I am very concerned that a "scaled back" forum will be far less diverse than what the original one could have been because of these difficulties.

vicki@sevenday.net wrote:Nancy, Your suggestions sound great. However, the question I have is, now that the event was

cancelled, who is coming? Perhaps "we" who are doing what we can to move this along. I am game to continue with activities. Are there enough of us? Who else is ready to move forward?

The Education or Spirit & Justice groups - who? I don't want to see all the hard work that people have done go to waste. I think someone(s)rushed too quickly and made some rash decisions. This event takes all of us to make it happen, not just a select few. Let's do something...suggestions, please!!!

Blessings, Vicki Wantland www.sevenday.net

Nancy Ging nancy@turtlehome.com wrote:

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>I'm a little concerned with the tone of this agenda. I'm sure it's not
>intentional, and perhaps I misunderstand, but it feels like the planning
>groups are suddenly being positioned as "other" to the rest of the
>community. Where do the planning groups get to give feedback, for
>example, about anything other than future plans? I suspect there are
>many things we as a community could have done to support the planners
>better in their efforts.

>

>Whatever the outcome has been, and whatever shortcomings there were in
>the process, everyone I met at all levels of the planning process was
>putting forth monumental effort and trying their personal best to create
>a successful event. Let's make sure we recognize that and don't fragment
>ourselves any more than has already happened.

>

>I also have to wonder if it wouldn't be better to allow a little time
>for reflection to pass before doing in depth analysis of what has
>happened? Emotions are running high right now and that sometimes
>interferes with clear communication.

>

>In the meantime, I'd like to see us focus on how to salvage as many of
>the events as possible and carry them out in other venues. Efforts are
>underway, for example, to hold a day of workshops, poetry, panel
>discussions, music and a play that would all have been part of the peace
>track. I suspect many of the other event tracks can be staged in a
>similar way if we put our minds to it.

>

>I think it's really important to get clear on how this all came to be so
>we can do better in the future, but I think it's also important to keep
>moving ahead. Never forget that time is running short for our children
>and our planet...

>

>For peace,

>Nancy Ging

>

>-----Original Message-----

>From: bill aal [mailto:waal@toolsforchange.org]

>Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2004 3:43 PM

>To: 'CCEJ'; 'bill aal'; 'Samantha Pearson Moscheck';

>hacknight@lists.riseup.net; fotr@lists.riseup.net

>Cc: 'Margo'; discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org; 'Jon Ramer';

>vikis@oz.net

>Subject: [discussion] RE: [fotr] RE: Planning Committee postpones -

>clarification full message (please ignore the last)

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>

>Sorry, the last message was incomplete. This is the complete message:

>

>Hello all,

>

> Some people interpreted e-mails that I sent out earlier, to mean that

>the Social Form was still on in some form. What I wanted to say is more

>like "is it possible to use some of the time many of us have reserved

>next weekend in a productive way that serves us?" Thursday night is a

>time to come together in the words of Yolanda's original call:

>

>

>

>"Proposed Agenda/Topics of Discussion:

>

>Meeting Goal: To decide on a collective response to the NWSF planning

>group from the community (many of us are part of the community of folks

>who plan/ed on doing workshops/performances at this event.)

>

>Discussion will focus on the following questions:

>

>1. What motivated the Youth and Indigenous Committees to walk out?

>

>2. What are the NWSF planning groups plans at this point?

>

>3. What are the concerns of those outside the NWSF planning process?

>

>4. What recommendations does the community have for the planning

>community and the future of the NWSF?"

>

>

>And I would add..

>

>5. What might we as a community do together?

>

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>
>Sorry for any confusion arising from earlier emails.

>
>In Struggle,

>
> Bill Aal

>

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FYI, I've been to a couple of NWSF planning meetings

and have been lurking on this list for some time.

Personal circumstances have limited my participation

so far.

My opinion, and I sense that of many just from the

recent discussion on this list, is that just because

there has arisen a conflict between two or more groups

in the inner echelons of the planning process doesn't

mean the rest of us who have planned and prepared need

to lay down our arms because our generals have

faltered and let the Event get derailed because of it

or forget about what we have planned and intended.

What is grass roots about anyway but "by the people",

"for the people"? Let's not forget what is important.

It's not how we gather or the process that it takes

but why and the outcomes. The energy has been

building, everyone who plans to attend has prepared

themselves for this incredible convergence of minds,

souls, philosophies, and methodologies. We, the people, as a community and as a collective consciousness, have a need and a right to gather next weekend to convene, discuss, learn, acknowledge, motivate, share, impart, and celebrate with each other the issues of our movement whether or not the NWSF Planning Committee feels it is appropriate to have the Forum they have planned and imagined at that time.

Yes, centralized planning can be useful, especially in procuring venues and monies. The question is: will the NWSF Planning Committee (PC) in charge of such venues and monies be willing to lend support to the rest of us who want a forum, any forum, at which to meet and converge next weekend? And what kind of support will it be, especially in terms of monies and venues? Meeting impromptu under a tree is possible, and for my part preferable to nothing, but the whether can be inclement this time of year.

If the conflict cannot be resolved in time to convene the NWSF as planned, then I'd like to see a grass roots forum take place next weekend and the originally planned NWSF, out of sensitivity to the process of all involved in the conflict, can happen later. Wouldn't that make everyone happy?

Because of all parties involved and the fact that the NWSF organizers don't feel they can now hold the Forum that they have planned until certain issues are resolved - this process should be respected. Because of this, those organizers should perhaps limit their input into the grass roots forum at their own discretion and to respect the sensibilities of the groups who have felt externalized by their process.

But sensibly, for the Grass Roots Social Forum to happen, access to already planned venues for the NWSF would be extremely helpful and expedient.

Bottom line: I really don't feel it is appropriate to get possessive about how this Forum happens and who makes it happen. Where conflicts arise, they should indeed be dealt with with responsibility and respect. But, it is not necessary or desirable to throw the baby out with the bathwater. Offended parties have the right to redress, others have the right to withdraw their role as they see fit but those are the actions of individuals acting as limited groups. What needs to be released from the actions of those individuals and groups is the concept of the NWSForum and what it stands for. No group owns it or has the right to stop it.

I still don't know what exactly the specific issues of the conflict entail but from what I've read so far, I have this to say:

To the NWSF Planning Committee: can you see that there is another way to serve your community through the realization of the NWSF that involves your support of the EVENT for the sake of the community, rather than your concern for maintaining control of your idea of the process for organizing it or postponing it?

To the Youth and Indigenous committees: can you trust, that the whole community of the NWSF wants your concerns to be heard, respected, honored, and included and your truths and wisdom to be integrated into our shared Movement and that we wish to know how you would have that process happen? And, especially because, if I understand correctly, some amongst you have called on the NWSF PC to postpone the Event, in order for the trust of the rest of us who have intended to attend and contribute to the Forum not to be violated by its postponement, that you send representatives to the next and preferably all subsequent meetings concerned with the further processing of the events leading up to and including the postponement of the NWSF.

Thank you for listening.

I, for one, will be showing up next weekend around Seattle Center, looking for activists to talk with and we'll find a place to do it, under a tree if necessary.

in peace and with utmost respect,

Ashanti Stearns

PS I know of a remarkably simple and succesful method for organizing an impromptu grass roots day-long or weekend long conference format that is incredibly inclusive and amazingly non-hierarchical. It's a very succint process. All the planning for group meetings for the entire weekend can be done in one morning session. True, I've never seen it done with 6-7,000 people but I see a way that even that obstacle can be overcome. I'll see you at the meeting tomorrow night;) and sorry for the long-winded post, I'm working on my own succinctness.

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Blessings, Vicki Wantland www.sevenday.net

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half-assed to meet an arbitrary deadline. The organizers deserve a lot of
credit for doing tons of work and then making a very tough call. Just my
two cents.

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Timothy Harris

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"Melissa Young" <melissa@movingimages.org>,

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Friends:

I am so sorry you chose to do this. I think it is a big mistake to cancel this event. N.W. America desperately needs the message of the forum. You are just letting people down and losing credibility. This is such an important event in the lives of people in the N.W. To cancel is to hold back our work and our movements.

We will never organize if we bring "My way or the highway" attitudes to the forum. If some groups don't want to participate, let them not participate.

Don't let this negate all your work.

It will damage the reputation of social forums if you cancel. You can't just do this to the IFG either. They are a valuable resource which probably cancelled other invitations to go to Seattle. This is absurd.

What about the opinions of adults, don't they matter too?

Linda McKim-Bell

Curtis C. Bell

World Social Forum Attendees

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Although I do appreciate the response from both groups and feel much the same, I do not know if I can agree with their decision to "drop out" or that I support the postponement of the forum. It almost feels like we are allowing the enemy, whoever this is, to knock us off

course for positive change. However, it may be the enemy in us who needs to be knocked down. The way "we have always done things" needs to change. We do have so much to learn from the Native American culture and from our youth who come with a truer message.

Overall, I believe this experience will produce fruit. Perhaps, we'll know more of what not to do the next time around.

Blessings to All!

Vicki Wantland Seven Day Earth Association www.sevenday.net

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>Great phrase from Jon Ramer!

>Some Questions:

>What is the best for us to do now and into the future?

>How can we support all the organizing that has gone into the social forum to

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>Hello All,

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>committee folks, he had said that they had requested the planning committee

>to *postpone* the forum until these issues could be resolved in a good way.

>Perhaps this is what has been decided. Their statement will make this

>clearer. And perhaps those who are in closer contact with the PC will have

>more insights.

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>This is hard news....on many levels. So much planning and work. So much

>more to learn. Perhaps it just gives us alot more room to do the forum in a

>way that meets all needs and the highest vision of everyone involved.

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>much peace

>sheri

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>The planning committee of the NWSF decided last night not to hold the NWSF

>at this time. Our statement will be posted on our webpage and distributed

>hopefully by noon today.

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>Emergency Community Meeting, regarding the NW Social Forum

>Time and Date Confirmed: October 7th, East Cherry YWCA is at 2820 East

>Cherry St.

>(in basement) 6:00-8:00PM.

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>RSVP's as of today: Micheal Dixson, (Facilitator), Yalonda Sinde, Isela

>Gutierrez, Dan Merkle, Cindy Domingo, Lucilene Lira, Gillian Burlingham,
>Sarah Luthens, Victoria Red Starr, Bill Aal, Sheri
>Hernden, Ed Mast, Charles Jones, Jon Rarner, Bev Sims, Micheal Woo, Frank
>Reynolds, Vivien Sharples, Dvora Slavin, Helaire Echohawk, Brenna Wolf,
>Webster Walker, Stephanie (last name?), Juan Bocanegra, Charles Jones, KL
>Shannon, Nate Moxley, Kate Villarreal, Lynn Sereda, Joel Levy, Michelle
>Levy, Sharon Maeda, Negin Almassi, Lance Scott, triad@blarg.net
> (did not leave a name), Jeremy Simmer.

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>If your name has been forgotten please let me know. I strive for perfection,
>(laughs) but am human and prone to error so forgive me if I've made a
>mistake. Also, please email to the lists of folks you have been contacting
>regarding this. I don't have everyones emails.--Yalonda

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>this

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>Please feel free

>to send names.

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>Your help in finding someone fast would be much appreciated--Yalonda Sinde,

>206-932-0769

>home phone.

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>Proposed Agenda/Topics of Discussion:

>Meeting Goal: To decide on a collective response to the NWSF planning group

>from the community (many of us are part of the community of folks who

>plan/ed on doing workshops/performances at this event.)

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>Discussion will focus on the following questions:

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>3. What are the concerns of those outside the NWSF planning process?

>4. What recommendations does the community have for the planning community

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>the future of the NWSF?

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>In Peace and Solidarity,

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>Yalonda Sinde

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>-----Original Message-----

>From: CCEJ

>Sent: Oct 4, 2004 1:32 PM

>To: CCEJ , CCEJ , Vivien Sharples , Sooja Kelsey , "Burlingham,Gillian" ,

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>cindy.domingo@metrokc.gov, waal@toolsforchange.org, dot@msfseattle.com,

>natem@ccej.org, katev@ccej.org

>Subject: Re: Response from Youth Committee Reps

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>I'm looking for insight from folks regarding the meeting on the 7th. I

>really dont feel comfortable uninviting people. I'm proposing that we ask

>Dan and Cindy to be present as observers to hear the Youth Committee and

>possibly Indigenous Committee members out. What do you all think? I don't

>want to be making decisions for the group.

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>From: CCEJ

>Sent: Oct 4, 2004 12:55 PM

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>Dear Folks Interested in the October 7th meeting. I just spoke with two
>rep's from the Youth Committee and they do not feel comfortable being in a
>meeting unless the nwsf folks only include those who signed on the
>Indigenous Comittee and Youth Committee. The concern is that because the
>nwsf planning committee has not resolved the conflict as a group, that an
>open forum would create more wounds.

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>I propose that we inform Cindy Domingo and Dan Merkle that we need them to

>obtain from attending this first meeting so that people feel comfortable

>being honest and that a follow-up meeting with them occur so that we can

>hear all sides.

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>Please let me know your thoughts. I would need to ask that Cindy and Dan not

>attend the October 7th meeting but attend a future meeting.

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>---Yalonda

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>-----Original Message-----

>From: CCEJ

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>Subject: Re: Latest on Emergency Community Meeting Re: NW Social Forum,
>Please RSVP
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>Follow-Up Regading Emergency Community Meeting, regarding the NW Social
>Forum issue Time and Date Confirmed: October 7th, East Cherry YWCA is at
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>RSVP's as of today: Yalonda Sinde, Isella Guitierrez, Dan Merkle, Cindy
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>would like to attend this meeting, please reply to this email and type RSVP,

>your name and contact phone number so I can be sure to have enough

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>This is meant to be a meaningful dialogue and problem solving meeting. The

>larger

>activist communtiy needs to decide how we are going to support those who

>have been

>marginalized by the NWSF process. I am just volunteering to make this

>happen and am working hard

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>to ensure that noone is left out who wants to be a part of this meeting.

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>If we can agree, we need a really good facilitator/guide to lead this

>meeting. Preferably

>someone outside this process. Any volunteers? I've called all the people

>folks have suggested and am still waiting to hear back.

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>Your help in finding someone fast would be much appreciate--Yalonda Sinde,

>206-932-0769 home phone.

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>In Peace and Solidarity,

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>Yalonda Sinde

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>*More info: I have had a hard time getting all the contact info for everyone

>involved in the nwsf planning such as staff, committee members etc. Every

>effort is being made to ensure that noone is left out. I've talked to Aaron

>Dickson, Isella Gutierrez, and others who support this meeting. I've left a

>message with Shelly Vendiola of the Indigenous Committee and will be calling

>Evon as well. Bill Aal will call Rosallinda Guillen and I'm also calling

>Rice who was on the Youth Committee. If there is anyone you all know of

>that was involved in the planning who needs to be contacted please email me

>their info. Thanks!

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"Samantha Pearson Moscheck" <sam@projectalchemy.org>,

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Cc: "Margo" <margo@toolsforchange.org>,

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"Jon Ramer" <j.ramer@comcast.net>,

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Sorry, the last message was incomplete. This is the complete message:

Hello all,

Some people interpreted e-mails that I sent out earlier, to mean that the Social Form was still on in some form. What I wanted to say is more like "is it possible to use some of the time many of us have reserved next weekend in a productive way that serves us?" Thursday night is a time to come together in the words of Yolanda's original call:

"Proposed Agenda/Topics of Discussion:

Meeting Goal: To decide on a collective response to the NWSF planning group from the community (many of us are part of the community of folks who plan/ed on doing workshops/performances at this event.)

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4. What recommendations does the community have for the planning community and the future of the NWSF?"

And I would add..

5. What might we as a community do together?

Sorry for any confusion arising from earlier emails.

In Struggle,

Bill Aal

From: <vikis@oz.net>

To: "bill aal" <waal@toolsforchange.org>,

<Discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org>

Date: Wed, 06 Oct 2004 12:32:46 -0700

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Agreed. I will give my wholehearted support to this. Viki Sonntag

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> Hello All,

> Lets think big about what might happen next weekend! It seems possible to =
o do something

> during the time for the social forum that although scaled way back might =
be a community

> response to the social forum idea. Yolanda and I have been talking about =
doing something

> together in the community=A6.. Lets talk about possibilities for the comm=
unity to do what it needs

> to do and communicate about what we want to do=A6.

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> Bill Aal

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> From: CCEJ [mailto:ccej@earthlink.net]

> Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2004 10:43 AM

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> natem@ccej.org; katev@ccej.org

> Subject: RE: Emergency Community Meeting Thursday

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> I still think our meeting should happen because we as a community should = decide how we

> can help make this event happen and happen the right way.--Yalonda

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> Subject: RE: Emergency Community Meeting Thursday

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> The planning committee of the NWSF decided last night not to hold the NWSF at this time. Our

> statement will be posted on our webpage and distributed hopefully by noon today.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: CCEJ [mailto:ccej@earthlink.net]

> Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2004 9:40 AM

> To: CCEJ; CCEJ; CCEJ; Vivien Sharples; Sooja Kelsey; Burlingham,Gillian; Jones,L.

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ej.org

> Subject: Re:Emergency Community Meeting Thursday

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> Emergency Community Meeting, regarding the NW Social Forum

> Time and Date Confirmed: October 7th, East Cherry YWCA is at 2820 East
> Cherry St.
> (in basement) 6:00-8:00PM.

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> RSVP's as of today: Micheal Dixson, (Facilitator), Yalonda Sinde, Ise=
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> Gutierrez, Dan Merkle, Cindy Domingo, Lucilene Lira, Gillian Burlingh=

am, Sarah

> Luthens, Victoria Red Starr, Bill Aal, Sheri

> Hernden, Ed Mast, Charles Jones, Jon Rarner, Bev Sims, Micheal Woo, F=
rank

> Reynolds, Vivien Sharples, Dvora Slavin, Helaire Echohawk, Brenna Wol=
f,

> Webster Walker, Stephanie (last name?), Juan Bocanegra, Charles Jones=
, KL

> Shannon, Nate Moxley, Kate Villarreal, Lynn Sereda, Joel Levy, Michel=
le Levy,

> Sharon Maeda, Negin Almassi, Lance Scott, triad@blarg.net (did not le=
ave a

> name), Jeremy Simmer.

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> If your name has been forgotten please let me know. I strive for perf=
ection,

> (laughs)but am human and prone to error so forgive me if I've made a =
mistake.

> Also, please email to the lists of folks you have been contacting reg=
arding this. I

> don't have everyones emails.--Yalonda

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> The basement conference room of the YWCA holds a max of 50 people. If=
you

> would

> like to attend this meeting, please reply to this email and type RSVP=
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> and contact phone number so I can be sure to have enough chairs/food.

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> am working hard to ensure that noone is left out who wants to be a pa=
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> meeting. I'm still looking for one more facilitator/guide for the mee=
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> feel free

> to send names.

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> Your help in finding someone fast would be much appreciated--Yalonda =
Sinde,

> 206-932-0769

> home phone.

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> Proposed Agenda/Topics of Discussion:

> Meeting Goal: To decide on a collective response to the NWSF planning=
group

> from the community (many of us are part of the community of folks who=

plan/ed

> on doing workshops/performances at this event.)

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> Discussion will focus on the following questions:

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> 1. What motivated the Youth and Indigenous Committees to walk out?

> 2. What are the NWSF planning groups plans at this point?

> 3. What are the concerns of those outside the NWSF planning process?

> 4. What recommendations does the community have for the planning com=

munity

> and

> the future of the NWSF?

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> In Peace and Solidarity,

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> Yalonda Sinde

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: CCEJ

> Sent: Oct 4, 2004 1:32 PM

> To: CCEJ , CCEJ , Vivien Sharples , Sooja Kelsey , "Burlingham,Gillia=

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> ""john.hayes@seattle.gov\""" , ""johnsma@hotmail.com\""" ,
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> Subject: Re: Response from Youth Committee Reps

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> I'm looking for insight from folks regarding the meeting on the 7th. =

I really dont

> feel comfortable uninviting people. I'm proposing that we ask Dan and=

Cindy to

> be present as observers to hear the Youth Committee and possibly Indi=

genous

> Committee members out. What do you all think? I don't want to be maki=

ng

> decisions for the group.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: CCEJ

> Sent: Oct 4, 2004 12:55 PM

> To: CCEJ , Vivien Sharples , Sooja Kelsey , "Burlingham,Gillian" , "=

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> Subject: Re: Response from Youth Committee Reps
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> Dear Folks Interested in the October 7th meeting. I just spoke with t=

wo rep's from

> the Youth Committee and they do not feel comfortable being in a meeting unless

> the nwsf folks only include those who signed on the Indigenous Committee and

> Youth Committee. The concern is that because the nwsf planning committee has

> not resolved the conflict as a group, that an open forum would create more

> wounds.

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> I propose that we inform Cindy Domingo and Dan Merkle that we need them to

> abstain from attending this first meeting so that people feel comfortable being

> honest and that a follow-up meeting with them occur so that we can hear all sides.

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> Please let me know your thoughts. I would need to ask that Cindy and Dan not

> attend the October 7th meeting but attend a future meeting.

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> ---Yalonda
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: CCEJ
> Sent: Oct 4, 2004 12:29 PM
> To: Vivien Sharples , Sooja Kelsey , "Burlingham,Gillian" , "Jones,L=
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> RSVP's as of today: Yalonda Sinde, Isella Guitierrez, Dan Merkle, Cindy
> Domingo, KL Shannon,Gillian Burlingham, Sarah Luthens, Victoria Red S=
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> Bill Aal, Sheri Hernden, Ed Mast, Charles Jones, Jon Rarner

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> The basement conference room of the YWCA holds a max of 50 people. If
> you would like to attend this meeting, please reply to this email and=
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> RSVP, your name and contact phone number so I can be sure to have eno=
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> This is meant to be a meaningful dialogue and problem solving meeting=
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> larger
> activist communtiy needs to decide how we are going to support those =
who have
> been
> marginalized by the NWSF process. I am just volunteering to make this=
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> and am working hard
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> to ensure that noone is left out who wants to be a part of this meeti=
ng.
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> If we can agree, we need a really good facilitator/guide to lead this=
meeting.

> Preferably

> someone outside this process. Any volunteers? I've called all the people folks have

> suggested and am still waiting to hear back.

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> Your help in finding someone fast would be much appreciate--Yalonda Sinde,

> 206-932-0769 home phone.

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> In Peace and Solidarity,

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> Yalonda Sinde

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> *More info: I have had a hard time getting all the contact info for everyone

> involved in the nwsf planning such as staff, committee members etc. Every effort

> is being made to ensure that noone is left out. I've talked to Aaron Dickson, Isella

> Gutierrez, and others who support this meeting. I've left a message with Shelly

> Vendiola of the Indigenous Committee and will be calling Evon as well.

> . Bill Aal

> will call Rosallinda Guillen and I'm also calling Rice who was on the

Youth

> Committee. If there is anyone you all know of that was involved in the planning

> who needs to be contacted please email me their info. Thanks!

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Another social form is possible! ~ Great phrase from Jon Ramer!

Some Questions that occur to me:

What is the best for us to do now and into the future?

How can we support all the organizing that has gone into the social forum to continue our movement dialogs?

How do we recognize and respect the voices of indigenous and other people of color, youth and poor people if we move forwards with activities next weekend?

Bill Aal

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From: "Whitesell, Lucilene" <Whitesel@evergreen.edu>

To: <discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org>,

"Vancouver Community Social Forum" <vcsf_media@telus.net>

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Dear Sarah,

Thank you so much for your very wise words although you yourself are still =
a very young person. I have been in the planning committee organizing the =
NWSF for almost two years, reaching out to communities of color - indigeno=
us and immigrants, and Latinos/Latinas, youth groups. We made a call to sev=
eral organization to be part of the planning process for the NW social Foru=
m to start a new path of working together by bringing diverse voices, agend=
a, struggles and pulling in whatever resources we have. Many declined by s=
aying they had no or little resources, staff, but would like to participat=
e when time came. As very committed organizers, we tried to do our best to=
fulfill our vision and organize the best social forum. But this has been =
a huge undertake on the shoulders of a very few people. As you said, organ=

izing social forums is very hard because it is a space for converge as well=
as divergence.=20

We will be using the NWSF to address many issues, difficulties but also suc=
cess stories is the planning of this event. This is just the beginning not=
the end. We need to work for the long haul, building strategy, creating s=
ustainable, lively, creative, resistance, rebellious and autonomous organiz=
ations.

I challenge you all to come and partake in the sorrow and in the hope of a =
better future for the world and our planet. As Alice Walker said: THE ONLY=
WAY FORWARD IS WITH A BROKEN HEART. I am very heart broken with the decis=
ion of the IPC to pull out. But at the same time feel that is imperative t=
o go on with the NWSF and use this time to reflect and talk about all the d=
ifficulties of working together with diverse organizations and issues, comm=
unities. It is during times of crises that we need to have clear political=
vision.

Hope to see you all there! In globalizing our struggles and hopes,

Lucilene Lira

a member of the planning committee

Representing the Friends of the MST

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> From: Vancouver Community Social Forum

> Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2004 11:11 AM

> To: discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org

> Subject: Re: [discussion] on recent events regarding participation.....

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> Greetings from BC. I send solidarity to the indigenous planning committee,
e,

> the youth groups, the nwsf planning committee and so-on. We are all in this

> together and we all have a lot to learn from what has happened in the last

> couple of weeks. Everybody has been under a lot of pressure to get this

> event off the ground. Social Forums are difficult spaces to organize. They

> are about self-organizing but they also are created within a system that

> forces us to have resources for infrastructure and generate some sort of

> self-supporting financial returns. I definitely agree that people should

> have access to all events and to resources to put on their events but these

> are the challenges we are facing. Social forums are also always criticized

> and resisted, look at the Mumbai Resistance this year during the World

> Social Forum. Dissent is part of what we are doing, it is important. The

> 'progressive movements' that exist are highly self-critical, this is good,

> but we are going to have to overcome some of this lack of mutual solidarity

> if we are going to overcome the very destructive systematic forces we are

> against. Cross-cultural, cross-border, cross-sectoral organizing is not

> 'easy' but it is imperative; we have all faced a lot of communication

> problems and divides during this process. Again, organizing which is

> generally mostly volunteer, is really difficult. And the forces that be

> know that: divide and conquer, disconnect people from the grassroots up a=

nd

> here we are, with a highly problematic North American society (that is

> consuming a gross amount of world resources). Perspective is important a=

nd

> I believe that social forum is imperative, there has to be a space for>=

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> people working towards change to learn, strengthen their work and get the=

ir

> issues out into a larger public sphere.

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> There will be a roundtable at the NWSF for dialogue on Social Forum on the

> Sunday.... There will also be undoubtedly post- NWSF dialogue as well.

> Both the IPC and the NWSF PC have expressed their hopes to overcome the

> problems that have arisen.

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> Sara Dent=20

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> On 10/5/04 10:12 AM, "Isela Gutierrez" <iseladgutierrez@hotmail.com> wrot=

e:

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> > Hi all,

> > The letters from the Indigenous Planning Committee and the Youth Planni=

ng

> > Committee are now on the NW Social Forum website (at the bottom of the =

home

> > page - www.nwsocialforum.org) for those who have not yet seen them and =
are
> > rightfully concerned. I think the letters do a preliminary job of
> > explaining how and why this occurred. Fissures between the larger Plan=
ning
> > Committee and the Indigenous and Youth Planning Committees occurred wit=
hin
> > the last few weeks. Many members of NWSF staff and Planning Committee =
have
> > avoided making this public until the various groups could speak for
> > themselves via letter. I hope this helps the clarification process a
> > little.

> >=20

> > Isela Gutierrez

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> >> From: "Cynthia Moulds" <Cynthia.Moulds@wwu.edu>

> >> To: "Lynn Sereda"

> >> <lindelspin@yahoo.com>, <discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org>

> >> Subject: RE: [discussion] on recent events regarding participation....=

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> >> Date: Tue, 5 Oct 2004 10:03:33 -0700

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> >> Can someone actually explain what indigeneous and youth groups have ba=
cked

> >> away, and how, when and why this has occurred. I have not seen informat=

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> >> on this and would like the history. I also understood that workshops and

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To: "Cynthia Moulds" <Cynthia.Moulds@wwu.edu>,

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Hi,

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Also there are scholarships available, nobody is getting turned away.

Personally I think that if the event was not self-funded but rather funded entirely from foundations and major donors, issues of class, accountability, and transparency would only be that much more complicated.

My understanding is that almost all foundation funding has been put into the scholarship fund to not just cover registration fees but also to help people get there. I could be wrong about this but that was the last I heard about it. So it's up to us to put the money to good use!

When you register (<http://www.nwsocialforum.org/?q=2004/register>) you will see an option to apply for a scholarship!

Thanks,

-sam

(This is stuff I know about only from having worked with the staff on getting the information posted to the site; I haven't been involved in the planning and I'm not representing anybody but myself when I send email from my own email address.)

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Greetings from BC. I send solidarity to the indigenous planning committee, the youth groups, the nwsf planning committee and so-on. We are all in this together and we all have a lot to learn from what has happened in the last couple of weeks. Everybody has been under a lot of pressure to get this event off the ground. Social Forums are difficult spaces to organize. They are about self-organizing but they also are created within a system that forces us to have resources for infrastructure and generate some sort of self-supporting financial returns. I definitely agree that people should have access to all events and to resources to put on their events but these are the challenges we are facing. Social forums are also always criticized and resisted, look at the Mumbai Resistance this year during the World Social Forum. Dissent is part of what we are doing, it is important. The 'progressive movements' that exist are highly self-critical, this is good, but we are going to have to overcome some of this lack of mutual solidarity if we are going to overcome the very destructive systematic forces we are up against. Cross-cultural, cross-border, cross-sectoral organizing is not 'easy' but it is imperative; we have all faced a lot of communication problems and divides during this process. Again, organizing which is generally mostly volunteer, is really difficult. And the forces that we know that: divide and conquer, disconnect people from the grassroots up and here we are, with a highly problematic North American society (that is consuming a gross amount of world resources). Perspective is important and I believe that social forum is imperative, there has to be a space for people working towards change to learn, strengthen their work and get their issues out into a larger public sphere.

There will be a roundtable at the NWSF for dialogue on Social Forum on the

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Both the IPC and the NWSF PC have expressed their hopes to overcome the problems that have arisen.

Sara Dent

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"Cynthia Moulds" <Cynthia.Moulds@wwu.edu>

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I agree with Todd

The best way to learn from our mistakes is to openly deal with these mistakes. We will be taking the first step at the NWSF by meeting with community interested in using this process to strengthen social justice movements. Brothers and Sisters , let us remember Arundhati Roy's words

"We be many and they be few. They need us more than we need them. Another world is not only possible, she is on her way. On a quiet day, I can hear her breathing."

We must work together , all of us, including the Indigenous Community, we must continue in this process, to find the common ground and move forward

in the struggle for social justice in all our communities. This is the first attempt at creating this kind of space for the progressive community within our region, we invite you all to come and experience this effort and participate in making the next one better.

Si Se Puede!

From: Todd Boyle [mailto:tboyle@rosehill.net]

Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2004 10:45 AM

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-sam

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>what a

>deepened knowledge of Indian culture can bring to you. I'd like to

>share a few

>of those blessings with you today.

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>Earlier I mentioned that there is a fundamental difference between

>the way

>Indians and non-Indians experience the world. This difference goes

>all the way

>back to the bible, and Genesis.

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>In Genesis, the first book of the Old Testament, God creates man in

>his own

>image. Then God says, "be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and

>conquer it. Be

>masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of the heaven, and all

>living

>animals on the earth."

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>Masters. Conquer. Nothing, nothing could be further from the way

>Indian

>people view the world and our place in it. Here are the words of

>the great

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>the earth is a

>part of you. You did not weave the web of life, you are merely a

>strand in it.

>Whatever you do to the web, you do to yourself."

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>In our tradition, there is no mastery.

>There is no conquering. Instead, there is kinship among all

>creation-humans,

>animals, birds, plants, even rocks. We are all part of the sacred

>hoop of

>the world, and we must all live in harmony with each other if that

>hoop is to

>remain unbroken.

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>When you begin to see the world this way - through Indian eyes -

>you will

>begin to understand our view of land, and treaties, very

>differently. You will begin to understand that when we speak of

>Father Sun

>and Mother Earth, these are not new-age catchwords - they are very

>real terms of

>respect for very real beings.

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>And when you understand this, then you will understand that our

>fight for

>treaty rights is not just about hunting deer or catching fish. It

>is about

>teaching our children to honor Mother Earth and Father Sun. It is

>about teaching

>them to respectfully receive the gifts these loving parents offer

>us in return

>for the care we give them. And it is about teaching this generation

>and the

>generations yet to come about their place in the web of life. Our

>culture and the

>fish, our values and the deer, the lessons we learn and the rice we

>harvest-

>everything is tied together.

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>You can no more separate one from the other than you can divide a

>person's

>spirit from his body.

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>When you understand how we view the world and our place in it, it's

>easier to

>appreciate why our casinos are so important to us. The reason we

>defend our
>businesses so fiercely isn't because we want to have something that
>others
>don't. The reason is because these businesses allow us to give back
>to others - to
>our People, our communities, and the Creator. I'd like to take a
>minute and
>mention just a few of the ways we've already given back:
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>We've opened new schools, new health care facilities, and new
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>centers where our children get a better education, where our elders
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>We've built new ceremonial buildings, and new powwow and
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>dollars in federal taxes, and more than fifteen million dollars in
>state taxes
>through wages paid to employees. And we've given back more than two
>million
>dollars in charitable donations. The list goes on and on.

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>But rather than flood you with more numbers, I'll tell you a story
>that sums
>up how my people view business through the lens of our traditional
>values.

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>Last year, the Woodlands National Bank, which is owned and operated
>by the
>Mille Lacs Band, was approached by the city of Onamia and asked to
>forgive a
>mortgage on a building in the downtown area. The building had been
>abandoned and
>was an eyesore on Main Street. The city planned to renovate and
>sell the
>building, and return it to the tax rolls. Although the band would

>lose money by

>forgiving the mortgage, our business leaders could see the wisdom

>in improving

>the community. The opportunity to help our neighbors was an

>opportunity to

>strengthen the web of life. So we forgave the mortgage.

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>Now, I know this is not a decision everyone would agree with. Some

>people

>feel that in business, you have to look out for number one. But my

>people feel

>that in business - and in life - you have to look out for every

>one. And this, I

>believe, is one of the blessings that Indian culture has to offer

>you and

>other non-Indians.

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>We have a different perspective on so many things, from caring for

>the

>environment, to healing the body, mind and soul. But if our culture

>disappears, if

>the Indian ways are swallowed up by the dominant American culture,

>no one will

>be able to learn from them. Not Indian children. Not your children.

>No one.

>All that knowledge, all that wisdom, will be lost forever.

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>The struggle of dialogue will be over. Yes, there will be no more
>wounds. But there will also be no more blessings. There is still so
>much we
>have to learn from each other, and we have already wasted so much
>time. Our
>world grows smaller every day. And every day, more of our
>unsettling, surprising,
>wonderful differences vanish. And when that happens, part of each
>of us
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>It's a funny little
>story about Indians and non-Indians, but its message is serious:
>you can see
>something differently if you are willing to learn from those around
>you.
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>This is the story: Years ago, white settlers came to this area and
>built the
>first European-style homes. When Indian People walked by these
>homes and saw
>see-through things in the walls, they looked through them to see
>what the
>strangers inside were doing. The settlers were shocked, but it
>makes sense when
>you think about it: windows are made to be looked through from
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This does seem important to discuss openly as suggested below in the second to last paragraph.

----- Original Message -----

From: "Eric Doherty" <edoherty@uniserve.com>

To: <discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org>

Sent: Monday, October 04, 2004 4:25 PM

Subject: Re: [discussion] Indigenous Participation? Must Read:

I understand that several indigenous groups have announced that they will not be participation in the NWSF, and that some other groups and individuals have decided not to participate in solidarity.

I would like to see an open airing of the public positions of various groups on this, starting with the NWSF organizing committee.

I have already paid my registration fee, but am undecided if I will participate or not. If the most oppressed groups in society are not respected enough to feel that they can participate in the NWSF, why should I?

Eric,

Vancouver, Canada

Sheri Herndon wrote:

>hi all,

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>i just received this timely email. i find it highly relevant for

>us all and for finding

>ways to move forward together.

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>peace,

>sheri

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>Speech delivered to the First Friday Club of the Twin Cities

>St. Thomas Aquinas University Alumni,

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>BY MARGE ANDERSON

>Chief Executive,

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>THE VALUE OF INDIAN CULTURE

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>|||||Excerpt|||||

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>The differences between Indians and non-Indians have created a lot

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>these

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>They do not know these things for one simple reason: they've never

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>talk about them. For many years, the only stories that non-Indians

>heard

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>It's time for Indian voices to tell Indian stories.

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>Now, I'm sure at least a few of you are wondering, "Why do I need

>to

>hear these stories? Why should I care about what Indian people
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>I think the most eloquent answer I can give you comes from the
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>This struggle, he said, is like Jacob wrestling the angel - it
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>Indian people know this struggle very well. The wounds we've
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Greetings Citizens of the New World Emerging!

My name is Jon Ramer. I am a co-founder of the not-for-profit Interra Project (www.interraproject.org <<http://www.interraproject.org/>>); an alternative economic model based on citizen economics (i.e. voting with our dollars). I was actively involved in the NWSF for the past six months as part of the Collective Intelligence and Wisdom group that was helping to organize the Networking and Connection Space at the Seattle Center. I also contributed to the online tech team and was involved in organizing the Spirituality and Social Justice track. Like many of us I was stunned by the cancellation and I also respect the decision made by the planning committee.

I see us now presented with two critical paths that are both equally vital to our future - the Completion Path and the Creation Path. I intend to participate on both paths.

I commit to respectfully listen, learn and be a part of a personal, interpersonal and community wide healing and renewal process. The collapse of the forum could be a great opportunity for us to grow closer and stronger as a whole. Just the thought of it inspires me. I see this awaiting us on the completion path.

I am also committed to co-creating our future together. Remarkable people are still coming to town this week. As part of the creation path I invite you to participate with us on Saturday 10/16 for two events focused on Collective Intelligence and Wisdom and Networking a Sustainable Future. By collective intelligence and wisdom we refer to our ability to evolve as a community through collaboration, learning and innovation; we believe that

all of us are wiser than any one of us.

1. Deep Democracy and Community Wisdom with Tom Atlee. (10:00 AM - 1:00 PM)

How can we function better as whole groups, communities and countries, knowing that every viewpoint represents a part of the truth, and that it is through the cooperative, creative interplay of viewpoints that the wisest, most comprehensive and powerful truths emerge? A major activity of a democratic community is developing the skills, procedures, and attitudes needed for people to jointly create with their diversity. As more people become artists with these democratic tools, their collective thinking becomes more wise, their collective behavior more intelligent and successful. And democracy becomes something new, something deeper and stronger; a way of being together that is more inclusive, alive and sustainable.

2. PlaNetwork: Networking a Sustainable Future with Kaliya Hamlin (3:00 PM - 6:00 PM)

PlaNetwork focuses on the critical role that information technologies and the Internet are playing in creating a truly democratic, ecologically sane and socially just future. Social networking technology is providing us with the tools to know the network, knit the network, and empower exchange.

Learn about initiatives happening in our community.

Both events are at the Community Living Room in Fremont located at the south east corner of 35th and Phinney. The building number is 3400 Phinney Avenue North. We suggest a donation of \$5 or more for each event and no one will be turned away.

There are two ways you can participate:

1. The Deep Democracy and Community Wisdom event will be informative and interactive. Tom Atlee will facilitate. Please come and participate.

2. The PlaNetwork session will have six or seven presentations from folks either working on developing software, or who is using any form of digital media or communication technology to work for ecological and/or social benefit. Each presenter has 1 minute to describe their personal motivation, 5 minutes to give an overview of their work, and 2 minutes for questions.

Requests to present are welcome please send them to kaliya@planetnetwork.net.

Background on Tom Atlee and Kaliya Hamlin

Tom Atlee, founder of the nonprofit Co-Intelligence Institute

(www.co-intelligence.net <<http://www.co-intelligence.net/>>), has written

and spoken for twenty years on politics, democracy, and cultural transformation. Recently, his work has focused on developing our capacity to function as a wise democracy, so we can turn our social and environmental challenges into positive developments for our society.

Kaliya Hamlin, outreach coordinator for nonprofit PlaNetwork (

<<http://www.planetwork.net/>> www.planetwork.net). PlaNetwork explores how

the creative application of digital tools - visualization technologies,

software, and the Internet, among others - can open new possibilities for

positive global change. Kaliya is also co-founder of Integrative Activism,

a project to develop next generation social networking and collaboration

technology to serve spiritual activist leadership and their audiences.

In community,

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October 11, 2004

To: NW Social Forum Planning Committee, NWSF Discussion list

From: Members of the Film Festival Planning Committee for the NW Social
Forum

Dear Northwest Community Members:

We are writing to let everyone know of our response to the cancellation or postponement of the NW Social Forum. Although some of us had heard second or third hand that there were difficulties within the NWSF Planning Committee, it was only the weekend of Oct. 2 that we knew for sure of the withdrawal of the indigenous and youth planning groups involved in the Forum. We began then to discuss the implications for our work, the Forum, and the NW community.

While shocked at the sudden decision of the Planning Committee to cancel or postpone the NW Social Forum, we now believe it was the right choice. We urge people to think of this as a postponement for righteous reasons, as an expression of solidarity, rather than as a failure.

We wish to thank the members of the Planning Committee for all of their dedication and hard work over these past months, and for some of you, years.

Your work and commitment spawned many working groups where people began to meet each other in the spirit of possibility

For example, each member of the Film Festival Planning Committee has shared the joy and true meaning of unity and community that each of us brought to our collective table. We began to share resources and solutions as gifts to bring forth our best effort, energy and knowledge to shape this new world that is possible. In addition to those who participated directly in our committee, we had contact with filmmakers as well as organizing groups interested in using film in their outreach and education efforts at the NW Social Forum.

Because of our passion and dedication, we journeyed from a place of hope to heartbreak with the news of the problems within the Forum. For many of us it was cause for self reflection, that is, we all may have some responsibility for the problems that developed. What could we have done differently? How could the broader community have helped prevent these problems through deeper involvement or earlier intervention?

As we travel on the path of “Another World is Possible” we believe we must insure that the history of underprivileged, disenfranchised and under represented peoples in the Americas not be repeated. It is important to share the benefits of our communities and traditions, and to strengthen alliances and create networks. The Film Festival Planning Committee has shown through our initial activities together that we can have open, honest and transparent dialogue in a diverse group that did not really know each other before the past weeks and that had not worked together before.

As a group we are committed to the core values of the NW Social Forum that respect every voice and idea. It was from that paradigm that the Film Festival Planning Committee chose to operate. We look forward to supporting fully the efforts toward a future NW Social Forum, as we hope others will, and in the meantime we have pledged to support each other's ongoing work, and act as a resource for media outreach for other groups and individuals involved with the NW Social Forum.

Signed:

William Brent, The Film Connection, Hazel Wolf Environmental Film Network,
Seattle WA

Stephanie Cholmondeley, Cinema Diaspora, Seattle WA

Susan Gleason, YES! magazine, Reclaim the Media, Seattle WA

Sarah Miller, Hazel Wolf Environmental Film Network, Seattle WA

Jan Strout, Just Media, Friday Night at the Meaningful Movies, Reclaim the
Media, Seattle WA

Karen Toering, Nine One One Media Arts Center, Seattle WA

Rick Turner, Friday Night at the Meaningful Movies, Seattle WA

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notes were taken and posted to the discussion list by Cynthia:

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TIME IS INCORRECT AND IT SHOULD BE 6 PM IN ALL PLACES

<http://lists.nwsocialforum.org/lists/arc/discussion/2004-10/msg00112.html>

> -----Original Message-----

> From: EKBrant@aol.com [mailto:EKBrant@aol.com]

> Sent: Monday, October 11, 2004 07:42 PM

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> Subject: Re: [discussion] RE: Follow-up to Oct 7th Mtg.

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> Thanks to everyone who is trying here to learn from whatever mistakes got
> made in the beginning. I am very grateful for the conversation that has been
> taking place here. I must echo the concern Nancy expressed about the short lead
> time on the meeting tonight.

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> Steve Hagwig, Marcia Mullens and I from SNOW having been heading up the
> efforts for the Peace and Militarism tract but were not privy to much info or
> resources. I am just learning about the meeting tonight. I am wondering why that
> is? SNOW put quite an effort into the NWSF and it seems one of us should be
> there tonight ... but the SNOW Coordinating committee meets tonight.

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> Also, I was under the impression that notes would be taken of the meeting
> held Thursday. Were there? How would one access them?

>
> Please. More lead time on meetings if we want to heal some wounds and invite
> greater participation.

>
> many thanks
> Elizabeth Brant
> Des Moines, Wa

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> Elizabeth Katy Brant
> 206 870 1759
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> "The concept of a Department of Peace is the vehicle by which we express our
> belief that we have the capacity to evolve as a people."
> Dennis Kucinich
>
> <http://www.kucinich.us/>
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Hello,

Like many I have been a total sideliners in the planning for this event, which has been a major contributor to our current situation. The planning committee has been slim numbered, and has been working on short deadlines to organize a huge event. It was an amazing feat of organizing, and movement building. There has been a great amount of groundwork laid to help pull off a highly developed NW Social Forum down the road, but I think we may have to start the tradition of this gathering a little more informally, and grassroots style.

Even if the event is not going to reach its initial vision, we must still pull together some objectives/agenda/discussion points for what we see still want to happen next week. On whatever scale of forum,

gathering, celebration, meeting it ends up being I very much hope we can still use the time next week for advancing the efforts to build a multi-issue movement within the Northwest.

Besides I like many others have been looking forward to the NW social forum for months.. I need to get my ass out of the vortex I get caught in, and I need to have the time to sit down with folks in my region working on similar issues, and in similar spirit. The call to cancel the NWSF one week before the convergence is amazing. I'm sorry, but the motion of people coming together to collaborate and strengthen our ties in times of such dispair can truly not be stopped. On whatever scale of forum, gathering, celebration it ends up being, the grassroots needs to come together.

As far as saying the Planning Committee being extensively top-down or centrist is off track in my book. Room to grow, and desperate for more folks with the necessary skill-sets to become committed, Yes. You want to see exclusive, and top-down look at the European Social Forum.

Not saying

I'm against the heirarchical model the ESF has chosen, but it's definitely proven less then adaptable, or inclusive.

As far as I've seen, the Planning Committee folks have been quite northwest hands holdy types. Planning meetings have been open, pleas for help came often, community wide meetings were called, but poorly attended, and if you read the emails and notes you could usually keep up on what was going on. But again room to grow, or should I say there's planning that we need to do.

So enough from me. I will probably not be able to attend Monday's

meeting, but here's a brainstorm of some items that could/should be discussed if it's decided to continue with next weekend.

1. New location possibility

-what is the status of the space that was initially planned to be used?

-would tracks which choose to go forward be held at different locations?

or

-Is there still a large space which could facilitate the gathering?(numbers will probably be less than originally planned, so space will be easier to coordinate)

2. Dignity Village's 'Filmore Hotel'

-cancelled? who's the point person for this?

-if it's still possible to get them to seattle it would be great.

-where would the act be?

3. Using the experience to learn/plan:

A. Communications of the future-

One of the big slack area's I see in the planning over the past year has been our communications plan. We have many folks on this list and in our communities that could help to develop an amazing communications system for NWSF planning and ongoing discussions within the NW. Lets chat.

B. The workshops proposed by Karen sound good-

Unlearning Racism/Sexism/Patriarchy

Limits of White Liberalism

C. Building relationships with Native Peoples communities-

It would be great to see the workshops proposed earlier on how to build relationships with Native Peoples communities. There are huge communication gaps between western cultures, and native cultures. I think this would be a great opportunity to learn how we can work together better, and generally evolve our vision of what it is we are speaking about when we say "Another world is Possible". More to the point the activist community in the NW seems to have a high concentration of white westerners, and I think we all could learn from native peoples.

4. Tracks wanting to continue?

-Which tracks are wanting to continue? It would be good to have a sense of this before tonights meeting.

5. Alternitives for next weekend(brain storming time)

- It's way late in the game to try to organize, but is there a chance some kind of webspace could be constructed to help facilitate networking and diologe. Discussion board, web blogs, wiki's, etc. Anyone know of a quick and dirty format? It would way help to mediate the geographic seperation we are all feeling. We can't be too web dependent, but it offers amazing opportunities for communication.

Again. Thanks for the commitment the folks in the Planning Committee put in over the past 2 years. Your efforts have synergized great and necessary organizing. I look forward to see whatever exactly ends up

happening. We have many years to pull off the grand opus of multi-issued coalitions sounding off in full harmony. I think we might be more ready for a rehearsal next weekend.

Peace,

Warren Neth

Olympia, WA

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Dear Nancy:

Karen here....

I agree with you that it is an incredibly short lead time. Larry and I have been involved in endless discussions, that sort-of stop and start up again, since Thursday night as to what the appropriate response should be to the cancellation of the NWSF. We have a very good friend whose response is to try to find a place to go, a calming place in the woods, and that's where she and her husband want to be for the weekend. And Larry and I discussed doing the same, for us, the equivalent of going into a hole to lick our wounds (I want to emphasize that's our interpretation, not our friends'.)

On the other hand, there was so much hope and excitement around just the fact that an event of this magnitude was going to happen. I've talked to several people (maybe you, too, I can't remember) about the fact that we need to focus on the election. But this was going to help me focus on the election. To come together with so many other like-minded people, gives me energy. There would be people discussing the greater issues of this time--issues around power, and economics, and how do the plutocrats (great speech by David Korten at the Whatcom Human Rights Task Force dinner on Thursday, which is why we weren't at the community meeting) maintain both power and riches. That to me is so much more important in the long run (not the short run, admittedly) than who the Democrats have mounted as opposed to who the Republicans have mounted.

I don't want to lose that energy, that healing space. Yes, it is a huge

gamble to come together right now--we're all angry, exhausted by this and so many other things and issues, not sure how to move forward. But I have faith, faith that we can express our anger and find ways to come out on the other side that will put us into energy and prepared for whatever comes next. And I don't want to totally lose the momentum we had built, I hope we come out of this with the kernel of a coalition to both build a new NWSF and to build the kind of movements that will bring about real change, the actual goal of the World Social Forum. Let's start with where we're at, small and getting to know one another, building structures that we can all rely on.

Here are my suggested goals for the event next weekend, although I am open to the discussion that will happen on Monday evening and changing my mind:

1. An Unlearning Racism/Sexism/Patriarchy, however we want to call it, workshop. I have spoken with Roseanne Kandhi, a professor at Western Washington University here in Bellingham. She and Cynthia Mouldes, another professor, were going to offer a workshop combining an idea of Roseanne's, called the Limits of White Liberalism, with an idea of Cynthia's, on Patriarchy. She said that she and Cynthia would be willing to offer this next weekend at an alternative event to the NWSF.

2. If anyone from the IPC, the YC, or the PC, wants to come and speak, and heal with each other and heal with the greater community, it seems that there are some wonderful facilitators available for that, I am happy to offer myself to do that, as both a former counselor with a master's in counseling and a mediator, and I think it would help all of us move forward

to the next stage of this work. I don't know if anyone from any of these groups is ready to do this, particularly in such a public space, but I think it could be extremely important to try a different way of resolving problems. This would have to be held with the idea/goal that we are reaching for, and teaching, a different way of communicating, and using ourselves in order to achieve this. And it would have to be held with some very firm ground rules that would ensure we are reaching for a positive ending of learning how not to repeat old mistakes.

3. It is extremely important to me to achieve something this weekend that looks to the future. I don't know what that means exactly, but probably something that looks to how/when we'll attempt another NWSF; and starting some of the process that (I, at least) wanted to get out of the NWSF: the goal of creating cross-issue coalitions that would strengthen each other so that we can all have some impact. If it is nothing else other than working out how we can come to each other's events, to increase impact and learning, than, given the cancellation, I would consider that a victory. I am sorry, I'm trying to pull away from feeling this way, but right now, I don't feel like we can wait another year or two years to have a NWSF and start the organizing that needs to happen. That's why it's important to me to have an alternative event this weekend. As someone out in the "hinterland," just getting to meet some of the folks working on similar or different issues is very important to me.

Thanks,

Karen

At 12:06 PM 10/9/2004 -0700, Nancy Ging wrote:

>I think you are effectively limiting participation to people who live in

>Seattle by setting meetings with such short lead times. If you truly

>want community participation, it's going to take significantly longer

>lead times.

>

>If the problem with the original forum planning was not allowing enough

>time, I think we're jumping in to repeat the same mistakes. Wait until

>after the election, give people a couple of weeks notice. Also, plan how

>people from other areas outside western WA can fully participate. Get

>input about ways that could happen, and get consensus before

>implementing anything. Take the time to build the infrastructure. Also,

>please tell us who you are and why you are organizing the meetings. (I

>don't mean to imply that you shouldn't be organizing. I'd just like to

>know more about who you are and the intentions behind what you want to

>do.)

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>For peace,

>Nancy Ging

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> > -----Original Message-----

> > From: CCEJ [mailto:ccej@earthlink.net]

> > Sent: Friday, October 08, 2004 9:19 AM

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> > Subject: RE: Follow-up to Oct 7th Mtg.

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> >

> > Re:Follow Up to Emergency Community Meeting Re: NWSF Cancellation

> >

> > Dear Comrades:

> >

> > Thanks to all you attended the meeting last night. I didn't

> > do an official head count but it looked like at least 60

> > people showed up. I think this shows that the activist

> > community is still strong and has the energy to move forward

> > from this unforunate situation with the NWSF planning process.

> >

> > I'm sorry that the activist community was not able to support

> > the NWSF planning group more in the beginning. But during a

> > critical election year, many of us were very busy doing voter

> > education, organizing, and mobilization work. Our priority

> > should be to get Bush out of office in November. As you

> > know, groups are extremely stretched and I hope the lesson

> > learned here is that the NWSF Planning Committee should have

> > taken more time to plan. I think you all made the right

> > decision to cancel. Let Seattle serve as a model for how

> > things should be done right.

> >

> > With that said, I'd like to work with everyone on opening up

> > the planning committee process so that it becomes a truly

> > grassroots effort, after the election.

> >

> > What I heard last night was that people want to learn from

> > Evon, Shelly, and other native folks why they left and how

> > they think people should work with them. I may have a space

> > for such a dialogue on the weekend that was scheduled for the NWSF.

> >

> > I'm appealing to Evon, hopefully Shelly Vendiola and other

> > Indigenous People lead a workshop on Native Principals and

> > Culture. That's a loose title, they can call it what they

> > wish I'm just making suggestions. In this workshop people

> > can listen as to what indigenous people feel should have

> > happend with the NWSF planning and how they work together,

> > make decisions and work with other people.

> >

> > I don't have a exact time/location as of yet, but perhaps an

> > half day workshop next Saturday, followed by other

> > workshops/activities under the title: Peacemaking & Conflict

> > Resolution: New Models of Communication. I'd like to invite

> > people from other cultures as well to share how they work

> > together. From this dialogue we can put together a protocol

> > for non-violent communication, conflict resolution, &

> > cultural understanding.

> >

> > The follow-up meeting for the Oct. 7th group is this coming

> > Monday, 6PM at the same location: 2820 East Cherry St.

> > Seattle (I'll check on whether we can use the basement or

> > another room in the building).

> >

> > Your thoughts?

> >

> > In Peace & Solidarity, Yalonda Sinda

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> > Community Coalition for Environmental Justice

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My apologies to all for putting in my minutes that the Monday Oct. 11th follow-up meeting was at 7 pm. I see from Yolanda's message that it is 6 pm. Sorry! Cynthia Adcock

>From: "bill aal" <waal@toolsforchange.org>

>To: "Nancy Ging" <nancy@progressivenexus.org>

>Cc: "CCEJ" <justice@ccej.org>, <vicki@sevenday.net>, <nancy@turtlehome.com>,

<waal@toolsforchange.org>, <sam@projectalchemy.org>,

<margo@toolsforchange.org>, <discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org>,

<j.ramer@comcast.net>, <vikis@oz.net>

>Subject: [discussion] RE: Follow-up to Oct 7th Mtg.

>Date: Sat, Oct 9, 2004, 11:55 PM

>

> Nancy,

> Nancy

> 1st, please don't use the reply all with fotr or hacknight in it, This is

> the second or third time you have done that.... I am trying to get

> everyone to stop including it....

>

> Its true, the whole event has been Seattle Centric, yet we are faced with
> the particular issues that face Seattle who is left holding the bag for next
> week. In the long term you are totally correct, lets take time to build
> relationships. This is not the Social forum process, it is something
> different.
>
> If folks want to build relationships on a regional basis, maybe they can
> start planning that way from those areas and invite Seattle people to the
> conversation. That's what the Skagit farm workers have been doing with
> farmers and farm workers around the state. That would immediately shift the
> dynamic.
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> Where do you live by the way? And who do you work with? I would love to
> hear some positive proposals from you as to how to proceed. It is not easy
> to continually hear criticisms form you about process without knowing who
> you are and what your stake in this or other social forum processes
>
> In Struggle,
> Bill Aal
> Tools for Change and the Washington Sustainable Food and Farming Network,
> etc.
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Nancy Ging [mailto:nancy@progressivenexus.org]
> Sent: Saturday, October 09, 2004 12:07 PM
> To: 'CCEJ'; vicki@sevenday.net; nancy@turtlehome.com;
> waal@toolsforchange.org; sam@projectalchemy.org; hacknight@lists.riseup.net;

> fotr@lists.riseup.net; margo@toolsforchange.org;

> discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org; j.ramer@comcast.net; vikis@oz.net

> Subject: RE: Follow-up to Oct 7th Mtg.

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> I think you are effectively limiting participation to people who live in

> Seattle by setting meetings with such short lead times. If you truly

> want community participation, it's going to take significantly longer

> lead times.

>

> If the problem with the original forum planning was not allowing enough

> time, I think we're jumping in to repeat the same mistakes. Wait until

> after the election, give people a couple of weeks notice. Also, plan how

> people from other areas outside western WA can fully participate. Get

> input about ways that could happen, and get consensus before

> implementing anything. Take the time to build the infrastructure. Also,

> please tell us who you are and why you are organizing the meetings. (I

> don't mean to imply that you shouldn't be organizing. I'd just like to

> know more about who you are and the intentions behind what you want to

> do.)

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> For peace,

> Nancy Ging

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: CCEJ [mailto:ccej@earthlink.net]

>> Sent: Friday, October 08, 2004 9:19 AM

>> To: Nancy Ging; vicki@sevenday.net; nancy@turtlehome.com;

>> waal@toolsforchange.org; justice@ccej.org;

>> sam@projectalchemy.org; hacknight@lists.riseup.net;

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>> discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org; j.ramer@comcast.net; vikis@oz.net

>> Subject: RE: Follow-up to Oct 7th Mtg.

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>> Re:Follow Up to Emergency Community Meeting Re: NWSF Cancellation

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>> Dear Comrades:

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>> Thanks to all you attended the meeting last night. I didn't

>> do an official head count but it looked like at least 60

>> people showed up. I think this shows that the activist

>> community is still strong and has the energy to move forward

>> from this unforunate situation with the NWSF planning process.

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>> I'm sorry that the activist community was not able to support

>> the NWSF planning group more in the beginning. But during a

>> critical election year, many of us were very busy doing voter

>> education, organizing, and mobilization work. Our priority

>> should be to get Bush out of office in November. As you

>> know, groups are extremely stretched and I hope the lesson

>> learned here is that the NWSF Planning Committee should have

>> taken more time to plan. I think you all made the right

>> decision to cancel. Let Seattle serve as a model for how

>> things should be done right.

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>> With that said, I'd like to work with everyone on opening up
>> the planning committee process so that it becomes a truly
>> grassroots effort, after the election.

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>> What I heard last night was that people want to learn from
>> Evon, Shelly, and other native folks why they left and how
>> they think people should work with them. I may have a space
>> for such a dialogue on the weekend that was scheduled for the NWSF.

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>> I'm appealing to Evon, hopefully Shelly Vendiola and other
>> Indigenous People lead a workshop on Native Principals and
>> Culture. That's a loose title, they can call it what they
>> wish I'm just making suggestions. In this workshop people
>> can listen as to what indigenous people feel should have
>> happend with the NWSF planning and how they work together,
>> make decisions and work with other people.

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>> I don't have a exact time/location as of yet, but perhaps an
>> half day workshop next Saturday, followed by other
>> workshops/activities under the title: Peacemaking & Conflict
>> Resolution: New Models of Communication. I'd like to invite
>> people from other cultures as well to share how they work
>> together. From this dialogue we can put together a protocol
>> for non-violent communication, conflict resolution, &
>> cultural understanding.

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>> The follow-up meeting for the Oct. 7th group is this coming
>> Monday, 6PM at the same location: 2820 East Cherry St.
>> Seattle (I'll check on whether we can use the basement or
>> another room in the building).
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>> Your thoughts?
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>> In Peace & Solidarity, Yalonda Sinde
>>
>>
>>
>> Community Coalition for Environmental Justice
>> (Where we organize communities and win!)
>> 2820 East Chery St.
>> Seattle, WA 98122
>> (206) 720-0285
>> Fax (206) 720-5241
>> email: justice@ccej.org
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Hi Friends--=0D

These are the notes I took and transcribed at the Thursday Oct. 7th meeting=

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called by Yolanda Sind=E9 and held at 7 pm at 2820 E. Cherry St. (the basem=

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room of the Cherry St. Y). A follow-up meeting, specifically focused on=0D

what to do next weekend, will be held on Monday the 11th at 7 pm at the sam=

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place unless we are notified of a different place.=0D

I'm sure I missed stuff and got some stuff wrong, but I think this is the=

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essence of the meeting. I enclose it as a Word attachment and also in the=

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body of the email, since some can't open my attachments.=0D

Cynthia Adcock (spirit and justice track)=0D

NWSF COMMUNITY MEETING 10/7/04 =8B Notes taken by Cynthia Adcock=0D

SECOND MEETING: MONDAY, OCTOBER 11TH, 7 PM 2820 E. CHERRY=0D

=8Bunless a new address is posted instead.=0D

(I=B9m sure I missed some things and gotten some wrong, but this is my best=

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effort.)=0D

The meeting was facilitated by Michael Dixson and Yolanda Sind=E9 with back=

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by Bill Aal. It was held at the E. Cherry St. Y, from 7 pm til about 9:15=

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pm. We began by holding hands in a circle and reflecting on the reasons we=

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were there, which we then shared with one of the people next to us.=0D

Michael=B9s introduction: When the WTO was being organized there was quite=

a=0D

lot of conflict, and pullouts, but the event took place. I remember the=0D

impact of it to people around the world. We can=B9t be afraid, we can=B9t =

be so=0D

pissed off, that we run away from this. Our purpose is to pull all of thes=

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people together. I=B9m here to serve you and I expect you to serve the=0D

community. Vent what you have to vent, but do it in the spirit of going=0D

forward. Because we owe it to our kids, to ourselves, and to our world.=0D

Sheri Herndon: What we are here doing is part of a continuum going back ove=

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four years. [She reads from the WSF Charter's statement of objectives.] =

We=0D

are aiming at overcoming the neoliberal forces of globalization.=0D

o What were the lessons of the first four forums? At the first, there were=

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protests by the Afro-Brazilian community, which felt they had not been=0D

included. Youth also set up a separate camp. Yet by the 2d WSF numbers ha=

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grown to 10,000.=0D

o The question is how do we create truly participatory decision-making=0D

spaces?=0D

A democratically-run Social Forum needs an organizing committee that is=0D

transparent, accountable, independent of the participating organizations.=

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We have to get away from the idea of "representation." No one speaks on=0D

behalf of any group.=0D

The European Social Forum, in a week, is still going forward with autonomou=

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spaces beside it. There has never been a time when a forum was cancelled=

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like this, so now let's learn the lessons and go forward.=0D

Michael: Let's try to listen respectfully, and don't take too much time=

when=0D

we talk. [Placing a chair in the center of the circle.] This chair is a=

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symbol for those who aren't here.=0D

I. Questions We Want Answers To.=0D

=85 Why was the forum cancelled?=0D

=85 What were the concerns of the Indigenous and Youth Committees that=0D
withdrew?=0D

=85 Does the NWSF Planning Committee have the power to cancel the event?=0D

=85 Who on the Planning Committee made that decision (i.e. was there a=0D
hierarchical structure operating in the decision process)?=0D

=85 What=B9s going to happen?=0D

=85 Who=B9s paying for the forum?=0D

=85 Were there other groups that felt marginalized? who were they? why did=
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they feel so?=0D

=85 How can we let it be known what=B9s happened?=0D

=85 Can this be salvaged?=0D

Questions (Continued) =8B Page Two=0D

=85 What were the really positive things that happened=8Bthere were real=0D
"generosities of spirit" and what were they?=0D

=85 What people and communities were represented by the Indigenous and Yout=
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tracks?=0D

=85 In what ways can we know that decisions are being made=0D

representatively=8Bwhat are the =8Cmarks=B9 of representative process, and =
how can=0D

we know what=B9s missing?=0D

=85 Who in this time felt pushed out or excluded and what did we do about it?

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=85 What was the effect of structure on this, since structures can create that

effect?

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=85 What have we learned from the process?

=85 How can we move forward?

=85 What are we going to do to give emotional support to people who were going

to come? How can we make amends to them?

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=85 Is there a trend? What indicators could give us predictability? What were

the underlying factors in other groups pulling out in other forums?

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=85 If the Planning Committee has dissolved, then whose forum is it?

=85 Can we move forward in a different way, inviting the people who withdrew?

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=85 Is there a measurement of success?

=85 What were the Indigenous and Youth suggestions for moving forward?

=85 How can we make sure that whatever happens on that weekend does no more

harm?

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=85 If we are to re-structure the forum, how should we re-structure the Planning Committee?

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=85 What is really important? What do we want in the value system we are

creating for another world? How do we become the change we want to create?

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=85 Can we steer potential NWSF attenders to other events around the country?=0D

=85 Are we capable of carrying out the kind of diversity we need? We need more people from the different communities, including working class and poor=0D

people.=0D

=85 Should we not be doing things at all until we can do them perfectly?=0D

=85 What is the present status of the Planning, Indigenous and Youth Committees?=0D

=85 Is it even worth doing anything on the forum weekend if these communities=0D

aren't present?=0D

=85 What does it mean about us that so many of us are willing to move forward=0D

without the Indigenous and Youth Committees?=0D

=85 What SHOULD we have been doing all along, that we weren't, but that we=0D

could do now?=0D

II. What Are We Going To Do? Naming the Possibilities.=0D

We learned that some venues have been cancelled; some communities are not=0D

here; and "we can't not do anything"=8Bthat is, to not =8Cdo anything=B9 = that=0D

weekend is also to act. During this discussion there were repeated requests=0D

to hear "what happened" from people in the room who had that information.=

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There was a lot of "process anxiety" among us. But first we brainstormed=

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our list of ideas.=0D

1. We could hold Seattle Center space for people to gather. While some=0D

spaces cost money, other spaces are public. There may be ways to gather th=

e=0D

people who do show up.=0D

Possible Actions (Continued) =8B Page Three=0D

2. We could dialogue with the people who are not here, especially=0D

communities of color, people who couldn=B9t come tonight=8Bsome people may =

just=0D

want to have a dialogue.=0D

3. We could be open to having a dialogue on some other weekend.=0D

4. We could invite the [Indigenous and Youth?] communities for dialogue,=0D

listening, brainstorming next steps, etc., to NOT BE a Social Forum but to=

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use the time to plan a Social Forum weekend. We could have the dialogue=0D

somewhere else than Seattle Center.=0D

5. We could provide some hospitality at Seattle Center=8Bfood, signs. Ther=

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may be space possibilities. Syd has the contingency plans on space.=0D

Discussion: We do not know if we are moving towards doing a social forum,=

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somehow, sometime, somewhere, and we do not know if trying to do something=

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we could make the existing wounds worse.=0D

There are two basic alternatives:=0D

(1) Going forward with some version of what we were going to do, or some=0D

modest presence such as tables with people and literature;=0D

(2) Dialogue with the marginalized communities=8Busing this time to dialogu=

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them, saying to them "Teach us, tell us what should happen next."=0D

Some people felt these are NOT mutually exclusive choices=8Bthat we can bot=

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commit to doing the work of learning what must be done, and also have some=

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presence at Seattle Center for people coming to the NWSF.=0D

Many people felt "profoundly unable to decide what to do" until they knew=

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what had really happened. Many felt that the Social Forum had intended to=

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change how things are done into a more participatory democratic approach,=

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but what went wrong? Many felt committed to an eventual Seattle "real=0D

social forum that includes everybody," but how? And how would we communicat=

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that to the Planning Committee?=0D

Reports on What Happened. We were referred, in part, to the website for=0D
various written statements. Several people spoke in person, especially=0D
Lucilene Lira, who started the effort to create a regional Social Forum.=0D
Lucilene Lira:=0D
I had been organizing workers in Brazil and participated in the earlier=0D
World Social Forums. I now I do labor education at The Evergreen State=0D
College. Most of the Planning Committee members were my friends. "Here in=
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the Northwest, we were the people best prepared to have a social forum"=0D
focused on "finding a new way of coming together, respecting each other, an=
d=0D
understanding that what=B9s good for one community may not be good for=0D
another." Back in February, a lot of people declined to be involved becaus=
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"we don=B9t have the time or resources," but they gave us their blessing to=
go=0D
ahead.=0D

Reports on What Happened (Continued) =8B Page Four=0D

(Lucilene Lira, Continued)=0D

But energy in the community was very low, and it was hard to organize. We=
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proposed to share resources, but everyone is in the same boat. We had a=0D
retreat, with days of hard discussion. We had no money, but by the time we=

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got money it was already late, and we were trying to move so fast, but by=

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August there was no time to slow down and solve the problems that were=0D

coming up.=0D

"There was conflict about events, and the indigenous people said, =8Cif you=

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are going to do this, do it with respect.=B9 I can=B9t tell the indigenous=

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people what to do. There was resistance, and said =8Cwhy are you coming to=

us=0D

now?=B9 They asked us to postpone it. We had many hours of discussion. H=

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can you hold an event in the land of people that are not participating? An=

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yet it will be very painful for other communities that are participating,=

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like the Farmworkers. I was going to withdraw, but they said =8Cno, you mu=

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stay with it.=B9 The spirit of the Social Forum was being destroyed slowly=

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and I felt it would be better to hold off."=0D

"Now you are reconvening, reassembling. YOU are the experts on what it=0D

means to hold a Social Forum. There=B9s the question of what that means, a=

nd=0D

what you would call it,.but without the presence of native people, does it=

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matter what you call it? We have a lot of work to do."=0D

Cindy Peterson of the Youth Committee:=0D

"I can=B9t represent the Youth Committee, which was formed in August. I=0D
wasn=B9t part of writing the letter [of withdrawal]=8A.The people who wrote=
it=0D

were a very small group, just 4 people, and none under 20=8A.But young peop=
le=0D

weren=B9t invited to the Planning Committee=8A..Why did young people feel t=
he=0D

need to withdraw? Do you understand ageism? The people on the Youth=0D
Committee should be talked to, but that=B9s not the only piece of healing=
=8Bthe=0D

youth in our communities don=B9t see the social forum as relevant to their=
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lives. Should we design something for them?=0D

Others (Whose Names I Didn=B9t Get):=0D

A woman from WHEEL spoke strongly in support of the Planning Committee, and=
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the efforts it made at inclusiveness for homeless people. "The staff made=
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every accommodation possible=8Bfor me it was very inclusive." Also speakin=
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were a man from SHARE and a few others whose names I did not get; one=0D
comment was that it was very difficult to use the website, even for the=0D
person who spoke, who has a doctorate.=0D

The meeting agreed to hold a second meeting on Monday October 11th at 7 pm,=

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at the same place (E Cherry St, Y, 2820 E. Cherry St. in Seattle) unless we=

=0D

are notified otherwise.=0D

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> form you about process without knowing who you are and what=20

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> In Struggle,

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> who live in Seattle by setting meetings with such short lead=20

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- > allowing enough time, I think we're jumping in to repeat the=20

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- > implementing anything. Take the time to build the=20

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- > are organizing the meetings. (I don't mean to imply that you=20

- > shouldn't be organizing. I'd just like to know more about who=20

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> > Dear Comrades:

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> > Thanks to all you attended the meeting last night. I didn't

> > do an official head count but it looked like at least 60=20

> > people showed up. I think this shows that the activist=20

> > community is still strong and has the energy to move forward=20

> > from this unforunate situation with the NWSF planning process.

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> > I'm sorry that the activist community was not able to support

> > the NWSF planning group more in the beginning. But during a=20

> > critical election year, many of us were very busy doing voter=20

> > education, organizing, and mobilization work. Our priority=20

> > should be to get Bush out of office in November. As you=20

> > know, groups are extremely stretched and I hope the lesson=20

> > learned here is that the NWSF Planning Committee should have=20

> > taken more time to plan. I think you all made the right=20

> > decision to cancel. Let Seattle serve as a model for how=20

> > things should be done right.

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> > With that said, I'd like to work with everyone on opening up

> > the planning committee process so that it becomes a truly=20

> > grassroots effort, after the election.

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> > What I heard last night was that people want to learn from

> > Evon, Shelly, and other native folks why they left and how=20

> > they think people should work with them. I may have a space=20

> > for such a dialogue on the weekend that was scheduled for the NWSF.

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> > I'm appealing to Evon, hopefully Shelly Vendiola and other

> > Indigenous People lead a workshop on Native Principals and=20

> > Culture. That's a loose title, they can call it what they=20

> > wish I'm just making suggestions. In this workshop people=20

> > can listen as to what indigenous people feel should have=20

> > happend with the NWSF planning and how they work together,=20

> > make decisions and work with other people.

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> > I don't have a exact time/location as of yet, but perhaps an

> > half day workshop next Saturday, followed by other=20

> > workshops/activities under the title: Peacemaking & Conflict=20

> > Resolution: New Models of Communication. I'd like to invite=20

> > people from other cultures as well to share how they work=20

> > together. From this dialogue we can put together a protocol=20

> > for non-violent communication, conflict resolution, &=20

> > cultural understanding.

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> > The follow-up meeting for the Oct. 7th group is this coming

> > Monday, 6PM at the same location: 2820 East Cherry St.=20

> > Seattle (I'll check on whether we can use the basement or=20

> > another room in the building).

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> > Your thoughts?

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> > In Peace & Solidarity, Yalonda Sinde

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- > is not the Social forum process, it is something different.

- >

- > If folks want to build relationships on a regional basis,

- > maybe they can start planning that way from those areas and

- > invite Seattle people to the conversation. That's what the

- > Skagit farm workers have been doing with farmers and farm

- > workers around the state. That would immediately shift the dynamic.

- >

- > Where do you live by the way? And who do you work with? I

- > would love to hear some positive proposals from you as to how

- > to proceed. It is not easy to continually hear criticisms

- > form you about process without knowing who you are and what

> your stake in this or other social forum processes

>

> In Struggle,

> Bill Aal

> Tools for Change and the Washington Sustainable Food and

> Farming Network, etc.

>

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Nancy Ging [mailto:nancy@progressivenexus.org]

> Sent: Saturday, October 09, 2004 12:07 PM

> To: 'CCEJ'; vicki@sevenday.net; nancy@turtlehome.com;

> waal@toolsforchange.org; sam@projectalchemy.org;

> hacknight@lists.riseup.net; fotr@lists.riseup.net;

> margo@toolsforchange.org; discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org;

> j.ramer@comcast.net; vikis@oz.net

> Subject: RE: Follow-up to Oct 7th Mtg.

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> I think you are effectively limiting participation to people

> who live in Seattle by setting meetings with such short lead

> times. If you truly want community participation, it's going

> to take significantly longer lead times.

>

> If the problem with the original forum planning was not

> allowing enough time, I think we're jumping in to repeat the

> same mistakes. Wait until after the election, give people a

> couple of weeks notice. Also, plan how people from other

> areas outside western WA can fully participate. Get input

> about ways that could happen, and get consensus before

> implementing anything. Take the time to build the

> infrastructure. Also, please tell us who you are and why you

> are organizing the meetings. (I don't mean to imply that you

> shouldn't be organizing. I'd just like to know more about who

> you are and the intentions behind what you want to

> do.)

>

> For peace,

> Nancy Ging

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> > -----Original Message-----

> > From: CCEJ [mailto:ccej@earthlink.net]

> > Sent: Friday, October 08, 2004 9:19 AM

> > To: Nancy Ging; vicki@sevenday.net; nancy@turtlehome.com;

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> > sam@projectalchemy.org; hacknight@lists.riseup.net;

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> vikis@oz.net

> > Subject: RE: Follow-up to Oct 7th Mtg.

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> >

> > Re:Follow Up to Emergency Community Meeting Re: NWSF Cancellation

> >

> > Dear Comrades:

> >

> > Thanks to all you attended the meeting last night. I didn't

> > do an official head count but it looked like at least 60

> > people showed up. I think this shows that the activist

> > community is still strong and has the energy to move forward

> > from this unfortunate situation with the NWSF planning process.

> >

> > I'm sorry that the activist community was not able to support

> > the NWSF planning group more in the beginning. But during a

> > critical election year, many of us were very busy doing voter

> > education, organizing, and mobilization work. Our priority

> > should be to get Bush out of office in November. As you

> > know, groups are extremely stretched and I hope the lesson

> > learned here is that the NWSF Planning Committee should have

> > taken more time to plan. I think you all made the right

> > decision to cancel. Let Seattle serve as a model for how

> > things should be done right.

> >

> > With that said, I'd like to work with everyone on opening up

> > the planning committee process so that it becomes a truly

> > grassroots effort, after the election.

> >

> > What I heard last night was that people want to learn from

> > Evon, Shelly, and other native folks why they left and how

> > they think people should work with them. I may have a space

> > for such a dialogue on the weekend that was scheduled for the NWSF.

> >

> > I'm appealing to Evon, hopefully Shelly Vendiola and other

> > Indigenous People lead a workshop on Native Principals and

> > Culture. That's a loose title, they can call it what they

> > wish I'm just making suggestions. In this workshop people

> > can listen as to what indigenous people feel should have

> > happend with the NWSF planning and how they work together,

> > make decisions and work with other people.

> >

> > I don't have a exact time/location as of yet, but perhaps an

> > half day workshop next Saturday, followed by other

> > workshops/activities under the title: Peacemaking & Conflict

> > Resolution: New Models of Communication. I'd like to invite

> > people from other cultures as well to share how they work

> > together. From this dialogue we can put together a protocol

> > for non-violent communication, conflict resolution, &

> > cultural understanding.

> >

> > The follow-up meeting for the Oct. 7th group is this coming

> > Monday, 6PM at the same location: 2820 East Cherry St.

> > Seattle (I'll check on whether we can use the basement or

> > another room in the building).

> >

> > Your thoughts?

> >

> > In Peace & Solidarity, Yalonda Sinde

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> > Community Coalition for Environmental Justice

> > (Where we organize communities and win!)

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> > Seattle, WA 98122

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hi all

For the record, by early last week two Palestinian-rights groups that I work with had unhappily decided not to participate in the NWSF. We had gathered information and concluded that the indigenous organizers were being asked to participate in unacceptable ways. Other groups and individuals were having similar discussions, and the issue was dividing allies throughout our region and beyond. The NWSF Planning Committee, to their credit, realized this and made the difficult and courageous decision that going ahead with the event would continue to cause division rather than unity.

In moving forward, I suggest that we pay particular attention to the ways in which some people of color and members of the indigenous community came to feel marginalized by the NWSF process. They were not the only ones who felt left behind, but it was a clear goal of the NWSF to bring indigenous people and people of color to the center, and to the extent that failed it exposes crucial weaknesses -- not just in the NWSF process but in our whole progressive community.

Some people have argued that the Indigenous Programming Committee and the Youth Summit organizers did not represent their communities. I'm not convinced of that, but even if it were true, it would only reveal that those communities had not been fully drawn into the creation of the NWSF, and apparently there was no broad base of relationships to overcome or prevent the crisis.

I suggest that we also honor another request of members of the indigenous community (as stated in Evon Peter's second open letter): slow down and take the necessary time to build and rebuild relationships and trust. Deadline pressure was a major factor in this breakdown.

I support the efforts to find out if some of the former Indigenous Programming Committee members could lead a session with all of us on Oct 16 or 17, but if this isn't possible, I strongly suggest that we let go of that weekend. Let's find another time and place to move forward, rather than convening a shadow event that might leave out some of the same people.

I also think it's fine to have a meeting this Monday, even though many interested parties (including myself) won't be able to be there. I only hope decisions are not rushed or bullied by the false assumption that we must somehow do something next weekend.

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could we have some summary of what happened on Thursday. Some of us are still sitting on plane tickets, could get there for the 14-17. Liz

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I agree wholeheartedly with this post...Even with all the communications problems some may have experienced with the Planning Committee, at least we knew who they were (i.e. there were "names" which could be held to some accountability) I am not sure who's running the show here: is there a hidden hierarchy involved? I think this process that is now going on favors not only Seattle over other regions, but it also favors more organized groups over individuals, and I am not so sure that is in tune with Social Forum Charter Principles....no one small group of people should have control over what goes on next weekend. Many people still had hope of salvaging their programming, films, performances, whatever and doing something....I know even at this late date, the Dignity Village Players were still hoping to present "The Filmore Hotel" which was supposed to be one of the main cultural features for the Saturday night of what would have been the nwsf.....Then there is the possibi!

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what can be done to support the idea of the West Coast Tent City Convergence, which was being planned as an event within the nwsf....I know this seems unlikely to happen now, with all the uncertainly, but I think it needs to be put on the agenda for whatever attempts happen in the future, and I would like to see these activists receive assistance with logistics, comparable with that which the planning committee was providing....I never want to see this get lost in the picture: Many, Many individuals put time, effort, and resources to having this forum. Many of them are individuals, who while not having activist reputation and "names", were really invested in this. We were coming to be informed, network, and yes have a good time doing it. The oppurtunity to have people from all over, and a lot of issues under one big tent is something that doesn't happen very often. It happens less for people who don't have the resources to attend the World Social Forums or the more Di!

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Social Forums, that other activists with connections usually get to attend. For many of us, we saw this be an

oppurtunity which will happen rarely in our lifetime.

Nancy Ging <nancy@progressivenexus.org> wrote:

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Lance Scott [mailto:lanscot@drizzle.com]

> Sent: Sunday, October 10, 2004 4:18 AM

>

> These initial short-term, Seattle-centric meetings seem to be ... to

try to

> figure out how that weekend might be used in a way that **begins** to

> serve NWSF goals in the longer term.

The whole NWSF community, not just Seattle, should be involved in figuring out how to use that weekend to serve NWSF goals in the longer term, don't you think? If people are meeting to figure out the Seattle area's opinion so they can present that to the whole community for consideration, that's one thing, and hopefully that's what you have in mind. To leave out the rest of the community from the decision-making and just report final decisions would be exactly the kind of marginalizing that Indigenous People and Youth Committees were complaining about, wouldn't it?

For peace,

Nancy

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P.S. I'm done posting on this topic, having said everything I wanted to say. (That probably brings joy to some hearts!) ;-) Whatever happens and however it happens is the way it will be. We'll move on from there.

Also, I'll be in Kirkland Monday night for two other back-to-back meetings previously scheduled. I don't know how long those will last, but what's the location of the NWSF meeting, just in case?

Thanks,

Nancy

Here is an e-mail from one of the indigenous people involved in the NWSF planning

Subject: e-mail from Shelly Vendiola

Hello everyone!

I am sending you the recent Indigenous Programming Committee Statement on the Northwest Social Forum (www.nwsocialforum.org) and the follow-up statement from Evon Peter's of the Native Movement. Many of you have already received these statements, however some of you have not. The reason I am sending these on to you is because I was formerly a member of the Northwest Social Forum Planning Committee and dissolved my participation. Many of you know that I am Swinomish /Filipina...I also work with the Indigenous Environmental Network and through the work of IEN I became involved in the planning process in an effort to outreach and organize participation from native folks throughout the Northwest region (Alaska, British Columbia, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Oregon). These statements were sent to the NWSF Planning Committee members as well as the native folks who were being invited to participate (including many of you).

I felt that because I had reached out to each of you during the planning process that you should know of my decision to step off the Planning Committee and withdrawal from participating at the NWSF. This decision was based upon the advise I had received from numerous elders and local community leaders. IEN and

the Native Movement organizers also dissolved their participation in taking the lead from our local elders and leaders.

Thus, with respect to our local elders and organizers, many native folks and allies have opted not to participate or attend the NWSF, this includes the dissolution of the NWSF Youth Committee and organizers as well. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this situation and statements.

Thank you!

Shl

Michele "Shelly" Vendiola

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I am appreciating this and other messages. I DO trust that everyone involved made decisions with great thoughtfulness and caring. But increasingly I've been thinking that perhaps this happened because history needs us to take a leap forward from the past social forum pattern towards--what?

That is, perhaps the time has come for the social forum to evolve beyond the

simple open space format, where we don't try to reach any agreements about strategies. I am wondering, given the critical issues of our times, whether we're not called to see what agreements we could find.

Or, at the least, could we not find an ongoing structure and process that would seek common ground and coordination among strategies, issues and communities? I believe that this would be a very worthy goal--with or without any northwest social forum. (Such a structure and process would of course have to be transparent and inclusive, as we want for any social forum.)

We could be aiming at an ONGOING social forum, not a one-time event. Isn't it time?

Cynthia Adcock

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Subject: [discussion] Message to the NWSF Community

Date: Thu, Oct 7, 2004, 2:36 PM

Companeros,

We, the NWSF Planning Committee, are sending a note of appreciation and information for those gathered at the community meeting tonight (Thursday, October 7).

The Planning Committee will not be able to be with you tonight as a body, though one or more members may attend as individuals. None of us feels it appropriate to speak about the future for the whole group. We have acted collectively at all points in this process and need to continue to do so.

Over the next few days we will meet together to determine as a group the next steps and will keep you informed.

We stress again how difficult a decision it was to not push through with the NWSF at this time. There was only one criterion that we used in making this decision. The goal of the NWSF was to bring our communities and networks together. So we asked, was this event, as things were unfolding, doing more harm than good to that goal? We came to feel that with the escalating levels of divisiveness, the NWSF was no longer serving that goal. As you know, people planning to participate were feeling that they had to choose among those they supported. That was not the purpose of the NWSF. Given that we were little more than a week away from the start of this event, we also felt that a decision had to be made quickly since many people were still making their travel plans and other commitments. You may judge it differently, which is fine. That's the spirit of the Social Forum -- many different opinions!

We wanted you to know that once the decision was made, we had to let the venues know immediately -- Seattle Center and Sacred Heart Church for the NWSF and Town Hall for the International Forum on Globalization's event.

They have been notified and have been gracious in their response in their own sorrow about the NWSF not being held at this time.

In the mean time, we are glad that such great discussions and alternative planning is continuing. We understand that many have worked hard to develop the Northwest Social Forum and appreciate the spirit so many are bringing in a desire to carry on. We are sure that much good work will emerge from all the preparations for this event and already know of a number of strong new initiatives that are moving forward.

With warm wishes and respect for all you are doing. We remain committed to the values of the NWSF and will continue to work for dialogue and healing to build up the collective power of our communities and networks.

The NWSF Planning Committee.

From: <vikis@oz.net>

To: <discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org>,

"Dan Merkle" <danm@msfseattle.com>,

<fkorten@futurenet.org>

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Attached is a personal reflection on my experience of the NW Social Forum organizing process, addressed as an open letter to the Planning Committee.

May we all be open to learning in this moment.

Viki Sonntag

Member of the NW Social Forum Program Committee

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Nancy and Everyone, Why do some people think that when individuals or groups do not participate it is because they are being left out of the process? You can (as can we all in this state) participate easy enough if we choose to. If we don't, we cannot truthfully say we were left out of the process simply because we made a decision not to participate. Life is a choice as are all the decisions we make. I learned in college that there are NO victims over age 18. It's time that everyone learn to assume responsibility for the choices they make. Why is this such a difficult concept for some people to grasp?

I don't wish to sound heartless but I do not support victimhood. I'd rather spend my time teaching people of all cultures how to manifest their desires. I do not believe that there is any limit to resources. Unfortunately, we were taught in most cultures how to be a victim rather than a victor. Because many have learned this so well, it seems there is a loss of resources.

I believe we can learn how to unlearn what we were taught. But this requires willing volunteers.

Blessings, Vicki Wantland Seven Day Earth Association www.sevenday.net

Nancy Ging nancy@progressivenexus.org wrote:

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Lance Scott [mailto:lanscot@drizzle.com]

>> Sent: Sunday, October 10, 2004 4:18 AM

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>> These initial short-term, Seattle-centric meetings seem to be ... to

>try to

>> figure out how that weekend might be used in a way that *begins* to

>> serve NWSF goals in the longer term.

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>The whole NWSF community, not just Seattle, should be involved in

>figuring out how to use that weekend to serve NWSF goals in the longer

>term, don't you think? If people are meeting to figure out the Seattle

>area's opinion so they can present that to the whole community for

>consideration, that's one thing, and hopefully that's what you have in

>mind. To leave out the rest of the community from the decision-making

>and just report final decisions would be exactly the kind of

>marginalizing that Indigenous People and Youth Committees were

>complaining about, wouldn't it?

>

>For peace,

>Nancy

From: <vicki@sevenday.net>

To: <Edwardmast@aol.com>,

<nancy@progressivenexus.org>,

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Perhaps I ought not John, but I got a little chuckle out of your message. I have always been Republican - this may be why the manner of the Planning Committee has been so troublesome for me. I cannot imagine that they would cancel the event simply because they could not get everyone to the table now. I didn't think that this was a Republican position but perhaps it is. I simply found their response to be unprofessional and unbusiness-like and I don't see how anyone can think they will maintain enough credibility to remain on the planning committee.

Blessings, Vicki Wantland Seven Day Earth Association www.sevenday.net

De Graaf, John degrj@kcts.org wrote:

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>this whole thing smells of political and marginal politics. if we want =

>to change the world, we need to stop having to feel like we have to make =

>special efforts to reach out to every "movement" and stop assuming that =

>majorities are built by pooling the marginalized. we need to be =

>reaching out to the unconverted majority whose consciousness has been =
>totally captured by the Right because the Right understands the =
>importance of a majoritarian strategy. we need to stop trying to create =
>coalitions under the principle that if you support my cause I'll =
>support yours, and look for those key ideas that we share and can lay =
>out in simple clear ways to reach the general public. this whole NWSF =
>feels more and more totally fringe. when will the left discuss a =
>strategy for actually achieving majority support? this is a fundamental =
>difference of long term political thinking that has to be addressed. we =
>need to study how the Right has organized to create the ideological =
>context that now dominates this country and learn from their approach. =
>right now, they don't even need to divide and conquer us; we do it to =
>ourselves. we're fiddling with total political correctness while Rome =
>burns.

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>for a social democratic future,

>=20

>John

> =20

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>From: Edwardmast@aol.com [mailto:Edwardmast@aol.com]

>Sent: Sun 10/10/2004 11:00 AM

>To: nancy@progressivenexus.org; justice@ccej.org; vicki@sevenday.net; =

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>margo@toolsforchange.org; discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org; =

>j.ramer@comcast.net; vikis@oz.net; ccej@earthlink.net

>Subject: [discussion] re Monday meeting and events next weekend

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>

>hi all

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>For the record, by early last week two Palestinian-rights groups that I =

>work

>with had unhappily decided not to participate in the NWSF. We had =

>gathered

>information and concluded that the indigenous organizers were being =

>asked to

>participate in unacceptable ways. Other groups and individuals were =

>having

>similar discussions, and the issue was dividing allies throughout our =

>region and

>beyond. The NWSF Planning Committee, to their credit, realized this and =

>made

>the difficult and courageous decision that going ahead with the event =

>would

>continue to cause division rather than unity.

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>In moving forward, I suggest that we pay particular attention to the =

>ways in

>which some people of color and members of the indigenous community came =

>to

>feel marginalized by the NWSF process. They were not the only ones who =
>felt left
>behind, but it was a clear goal of the NWSF to bring indigenous people =
>and
>people of color to the center, and to the extent that failed it exposes =
>crucial
>weaknesses -- not just in the NWSF process but in our whole progressive
>community. =20
>
>Some people have argued that the Indigenous Programming Committee and =
>the
>Youth Summit organizers did not represent their communities. I'm not =
>convinced
>of that, but even if it were true, it would only reveal that those =
>communities
>had not been fully drawn into the creation of the NWSF, and apparently =
>there
>was no broad base of relationships to overcome or prevent the crisis.
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>I suggest that we also honor another request of members of the =
>indigenous
>community (as stated in Evon Peter's second open letter): slow down and =
>take the
>necessary time to build and rebuild relationships and trust. Deadline
>pressure was a major factor in this breakdown.
>
>I support the efforts to find out if some of the former Indigenous

>Programming Committee members could lead a session with all of us on Oct =

>16 or 17, but

>if this isn't possible, I strongly suggest that we let go of that =

>weekend.=20

>Let's find another time and place to move forward, rather than convening =

>a shadow

>event that might leave out some of the same people.

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>I also think it's fine to have a meeting this Monday, even though many

>interested parties (including myself) won't be able to be there. I only =

>hope

>decisions are not rushed or bullied by the false assumption that we must =

>somehow do

>something next weekend.

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>ed mast

Date: Fri, 15 Oct 2004 15:32:14 -0700

From: "Rosalinda" <rosalindag@qwest.net>

To: <discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org>

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Dear Brothers and Sisters

The Indigenous Community has responded to the expressions of concern and questionings of the reasons why the NWSF was postponed.

And the call for how the dialogue and healing should happen from their perspective.

We will move forward together in this great adventure to bring into reality

the theme from the Social Forums "Another World is Possible".

Peace and Solidarity

On behalf of all the Members of the NWSF Planning Committee

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Date: Fri, 15 Oct 2004 09:59:02 -0700 (PDT)

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Lynn Sereda <lindelspin@yahoo.com> wrote:Date: Fri, 15 Oct 2004 09:57:02 -0700 (PDT)

From: Lynn Sereda

Subject: Re: [collectivewisdom] Re: Planning the Process

To: Daimon Sweeney ,

"sheri@speakeasy.org" ,

collectivewisdom@lists.nwsocialforum.org

Something people may want to consider: While it is great to see all the communication RE: finding the best way to do things, there is such an attendance to process and processing, which many people don't relate to for a wide variety of reasons. I do not wish to speak for the homeless people who I was working with to bring a Northwest Homeless Forum which had been piggybacked on the nwsf into reality, but for myself when I was homeless, there is an immediacy to things, a concern with the very notion of survival itself. The chance to have a self-organized network which could connect the growing number of poor/homeless in America with what globalization has been doing all over was the focus of our efforts. I also have talked to a few folks who after attending some of the Public Meetings about nwsf, were turned off to talk that was not about the event itself, what was going to be programmed, let's set up an outreach procedure, etc...In my view, processing something to death!

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result in not moving forward at all. Also watch all the process jargon in communicating as for some of us it is another language, more remote and more elitist.

Daimon Sweeney <Daimon.Sweeney@comcast.net> wrote: At 12:48 PM 10/13/2004, sheri@speakeasy.org wrote:

>-----Original Message-----

>From: Nancy Ging [mailto:nancy@progressivenexus.org]

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>I believe that planning the Forum PROCESS has to happen before

>we can develop the communication tools to accomplish it. I suggested

>earlier that thinking through the whole planning process more carefully

>would be necessary before we attempt a Forum again.

Nancy,

In my opinion you are right on with this idea. The same process is likely to produce the same result, so improving the process to get a better result makes a lot of sense.

I don't know if this is the place, but may I suggest an overall approach to consider? It's different from usual ways of thinking, but it's highly effective and more interesting to participate in. It also brings exceptional clarity and tends to bring people together in a cooperative, forward-looking, open-minded way.

That is to identify shared questions and let answers (the event, in this case) evolve around them. All the points you mention in your email (below) can be included - this is just a way to facilitate flow and the evolution of ideas and understanding, and to help ensure inclusivity.

Organizing around shared questions may in fact be a new and inclusive social paradigm. It supports social evolution in a way that putting forth answers and letting them battle it out does not. The basic idea is that a carefully considered question which

1. fully takes into account the needs of everyone involved
2. contains no preference for any particular answer and
3. is inspiring

will attract those who share it and allow them to contribute toward answering it from their unique strengths. Diversity is a tremendous strength in this approach as the answers which develop are better-founded and less ethnocentric. More diversity brings more unconscious assumptions to light as well as more potential answers. From this richness of perspective unconscious assumptions and patterns can be transformed into deliberate choices of ways that work for all.

Once the shared, core question is identified, everyone interested proposes possible answers (themes, projects, presentations, participants, things to do, etc.) to it. The questions and answers naturally divide out into a series of increasingly specific levels, down to tasks. All are logically and visibly related and relevant.

The most promising possibilities at each level are selected as working answers. There can be parallel tracks as well - alternative answers being explored. As working answers they are to be replaced as better ones emerge (if cost/benefit analysis shows it reasonable). Thus the event can evolve freely and become better as the core question remains the same, providing continuity and coherence.

The key difference is being attached to the question (if to anything) rather than to particular positions or answers, and being willing to move to what works best. Core questions embody deeply held values, so this is easier than it may sound.

This whole process can be completely transparent. The shared questions,

sub-questions and proposed answers can be public. The selected answers and the reasons they were selected can be public. All decisions can be made visible, along with their reasons.

With everything visible, the paths not taken are preserved as later potentials. Anyone can publicly propose a different answer at any time to any level of question, or point out a flaw in the thinking, such as a need not being addressed or a potential answer overlooked. The question/answer tree can be filled out thoroughly and piece by piece, which will make it progressively more flawless. Everyone can plug into the process at whatever level and on whatever topic they are attracted to, and make their contribution.

This is similar to an open source approach to social design. The speed of evolution and public transparency would be facilitated by a way to make it all visible online, with ways to contribute online as well. Anyone interested in developing this?

This whole approach is an example of collective intelligence and wisdom at work in a distributed way over time. Particular events (such as Open Question Circles, dialog and others) can focus it and take it deep as desired, while building connections and community.

This is actually the pattern (a core shared question with evolving answers) which has allowed science, technology and capitalism to become so extensive and well-developed. Bringing the same pattern into social change toward a world that truly works would be a major move.

United around a shared question, social, emotional and intellectual continuity are preserved and even strengthened through changes. Yet the outcome continues to evolve toward the best possible answer to the question. Leaders are not authoritarian figures but custodians or stewards of the questions and of the open process.

The first step would be to explore what question the event would be an answer to. A place to start would be an Open Question circle on

What would be one of the most wonderful outcomes you can imagine from an event like this?

What would that do for you personally?

What would that do for us? (pick your own picture of "us")

If there's interest I would be happy to contribute what I can toward exploring this whole possibility. I and others I work with have been developing this perspective for several years, so it's not just a wild idea. There's nothing wrong with wild ideas, mind you, but this one is proving itself. I'll be at the events on Saturday with Tom and Kaliya, if anyone wants to talk about this.

Toward a world that works,

Daimon Sweeney

<mailto:daimon.sweeney@comcast.net>

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From: "bill aal" <waal@toolsforchange.org>

To: "shanti" <shanti330@yahoo.com>,

"Nancy Ging" <nancy@progressivenexus.org>,

"nwsf" <discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org>

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Subject: RE: [discussion] Planning the Process and Communication Infrastructure

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Hello all,

I much appreciate the thinking of both of these letters, I also want to honor the in depth thinking and consultation that went into the last process that the Planning Committee and other went through leading to this last round. The principles that came out of the gathering in April (they are listed on the web site) reflect some of this. It will be interesting to see how the ideas did or did not come into fruition. I think it essential that each of us remember when we entered into the NW social forum process and remember why and how we did or did not participate in it in a full way. As we share those stories, we can begin to develop the basis for new work. To start theorizing about what "would work" needs to be grounded in the experience of this one, otherwise with the best of intentions, we may replicate the patterns of the past.

Lets go, but go slowly, knowing there is already a lot of wisdom around.

Maybe we can explore some of this in the afternoon on Saturday during the

open dialog.

Eventually, I would suggest an appreciative inquiry into the possibilities for a gathering of all the voices, based on community needs and visions.

Whether this be a "Social Forum" or not is an open question for me. A social forum is a open space for movements to come together, and here in the US, there are very few mass based movements. A lot of non-profits and grass roots do great work, but we have few large scale movements where people are making decisions together. So what the form should be I wonder.

In Spirit and Struggle,

Bill

-----Original Message-----

From: shanti [mailto:shanti330@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2004 12:19 PM

To: Nancy Ging; nwsf

Subject: Re: [discussion] Planning the Process and Communication Infrastructure

Yay, Nancy! I'm so glad that people keep coming up with the same things I have written in my notes that are very very important.

Yes, careful pre-planning of the planning process and communication infrastructure and protocol are critical to manifest inclusivity and transparency. I am looking forward to being a part of this process as I

have decided to dedicate my life to fostering and improving communication. What a wonderful place to continue my work.

In this process of pre-planning we need to look at several things very carefully:

1. Consensus: in what circumstances is it required, does it work best or not work very well at all? Other decision-making methods??
2. Feedback loop: Nancy's scheme may or may not have addressed this fully. But if there is to be inclusivity - i.e. everyone who wants to be included, is, there needs to be a very specific feedback protocol (including detailed communication trees) when proposals are fielded, AND there should be a very clear and adequate deadline for input, always. This is so that things can move forward at some sort of pace, people have something shoot for and no one can say "I didn't know". Even the deadline should be fielded as a proposal to get input of what people think is appropriate and reasonable with remembrance that not everyone can be accomodated all the time. Everyone should be schooled in the use of proxies.

Yes, the process may take a while but as Nancy said,

we are building something that, if successful, can be used as a model for community communication protocol everywhere. From our false start we have so much information to create a really great and inclusive protocol net.

Feedback on Nancy's proposal:

"6. Evaluate the logical sequence for developing a Forum."

I agree with Nancy that outreach to build a community should happen first. I first heard of the NWSF back in February from some other list I was on and the Planning Committee had already formed and was well underway. I went to a couple of meetings but felt lost on what had already been planned and couldn't conceive of a way to "plug in" since I live two hours away. The fact that minutes to meetings were not posted was very frustrating. I did feel excluded.

Since the formal planning process should not begin until there has been a widespread, on-going call out for participation for quite some time to allow people to get keyed in, this begs the question: what is the work of the forming community until it feels more or less fully formed enough to delve into the next phase of planning and how do we include "stragglers" (i.e.

people who come to the planning process when it is already underway, especially if they don't have a local chapter available)? There could be a "Mentoring Team" willing to help integrate these people and offer on-going assist for people who are very new to the community/community process.

My suggestion is that this is where the training comes in including practice of these newly learned methods and protocols. People need to be trained in consensus-building, communication protocol, conflict resolution, outreach (I personally think everyone who wants to participate should be required (in a loving, for-the-movement sort of way) to do at least some outreach on what ever level they can - what a way to build community), etc. Local groups of those interested in participating in the process could be formed for face-to-face practice of meeting protocol and community-building. Then we could have well-oiled, geographically widespread, proposal-evaluating meeting machines that could check in and get back to the "central node" that would compile data and shoot back a revised proposal to the other "net nodes".

I strongly believe there should be a separate and ongoing "Conflict Resolution Team" of well-trained

individuals that can assist committees, groups or individuals in resolving conflict before it gets blown out of proportion (as in the case of the Indigneous and Youth walkouts). This team should be big enough to override conflict of interests (i.e. when someone on the CF team is a party in the conflict). All should be trained in recognizing the first signs of conflict and how to sensitively "check in" with parties.

I also think that the very first step in this new pre-planning process is to fully evaluate the past planning process from all perspectives as Nancy suggests WHILE we re-begin a concerted effort of outreach to build community for even this process.

"What worked well this time?

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I feel strongly that this email discussion list is not the best format for primary communication. I think the website should have something organized by threads of topics so you can see sequentially the responses to a particular post without having posts about other threads interjected. It's too easy to lose valuable input by having to jump around to follow a thread and the emails become too bulky when you try to include

all of the previous posts in a thread. (i.e. below)

There are many community websites that have a successful format such as this. Try www.tribe.net, for example. It's the best example I've seen so far at trying to integrate a global community while keeping local groups more connected. I'm sure there are others.

Finally, I think much of this work can and should begin now to keep the momentum flowing, with the community we have doing more outreach, and that much of the pre-planning process could and should be achieved before a "Planning Committee" is even formed.

To this end, I think we need to discuss what exactly we think should be the role of the Planning Committee, what are and are not its powers (this the community should decide, not the Planning Committee itself), what kind of feedback checks should be in place (all deadlined), etc.

Lastly, I didn't even know there was an online "Tech" email list, nor would I have thought I had anything to add to it but now I see that I do.

Constant reminders of key community processing tools are essential. Let's all take responsibility to help remind each other of critical information and tools,

especially what seems "obvious", and especially for those of us with "unseen" disabilities such as ADD, etc. (uh, what was that you were saying?;). Mixing it up and covering all our bases is the only way we will make sure that no one falls through the cracks (story of my life, BTW).

remembering to breathe and take care of my body in this very heady process,

with respect and

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Ashanti Stearns

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Hi NW Social Forum Friends and Community Members:

I'm attaching and also printing in this email REVISED minutes from the Monday Oct. 11th meeting. They include a paragraph or two on the REVISED PLAN for weekend events, taken from earlier messages from Bill Aal on this discussion list. PLEASE CONSULT THOSE MESSAGES BECAUSE THEY ARE MUCH MORE COMPLETE; ALSO, CHECK BEFORE SATURDAY TO FIND ANY LATE CHANGES.

HEADS UP: The Oct. 7th group planned that its next meeting be on Monday, November 15th at 6:30 pm, with the place to be announced.

Keep in touch, friends.

Cynthia Adcock

DRAFT Minutes, NWSF Oct. 7th Coalition Community Meeting,
Monday, October 11th, 6:30 pm, 2820 E. Cherry, Seattle (CCEJ offices)

Yolanda Sind=E9 facilitated this second meeting of community members (mostly from Seattle) addressing the cancellation/postponement of the Oct. 14-17 NW Social Forum.

About 40 people attended. Discussion moved back and forth among the topics; these minutes are organized by topic more than chronologically. Minutes by Cynthia Adcock with input from Karen Weill, Bill Aal, and others.

OCT. 14-17: The meeting was called specifically on how to deal with the weekend=8Bboth for people who may come to attend the social forum, not know=ing it=B9s been cancelled, and for those of us who may seek dialogue and space =for learning and healing. The premise is that we can facilitate activities but we must be clear that this is NOT THE NW SOCIAL FORUM, and that it can=B9t =be the NWSF without the Indigenous and Youth Committee leadership. The Palestinian community has also pulled out to honor this reality.

OUTLINE OF TOPICS:

1. Review of known spaces and events=8B

PLEASE see discussion@nwsocialforum.org for most recent info: review below has been adjusted to Thursday=B9s latest plan but the DETAILS must be found=on the discussion site.

2. Question of Doing Open Dialogue On Our Issues This Weekend

- a. Roles of Indigenous and Planning Committees
- b. Agreements for Open Dialogue Process

3. Questions for the Future=8BFollow-up to the Meeting

4. Next Steps: Next Meeting Monday Nov. 15, 6:30 pm, space to be announced.
5. Responses of Planning Committee Members to Questions from the Community

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INSERTED AFTER MEETING:

=85 SATURDAY PLAN FOR OPEN DIALOGUE/TALKING CIRCLES (Note: This was worked out

after the meeting by Yalonda Sind=E9, Bill All, Ashanti Stearns, Syd Fredrickson and Margo Adair.) 9:30 am gather at St. Paul=B9s Episcopal Church, 15 Roy St. (between Warren & 1st Aven., 2 blocks north of Key Arena), lower level. Two rounds of Open Space talking circles 10 am =AD 2 = pm,

with potluck lunch in the middle. 3:30 =AD 5 pm 3rd round, Sacred Heart Church, 205 2nd Ave. N. Closing 5-5:30 pm =8B possibly later. PLEASE

BRING SUPPLIES=8BFOOD FOR POTLUCK, PLATES, NAPKINS, CUPS, UTENSILS, PAPER, MARKERS, MASKING TAPE, EASELS, LAPTOPS.

=85 Chilean Dance Group, 2 =AD 3:30 pm, St. Paul=B9s.

=85 Seattle Peace Chorus, St. Paul=B9s, 3:30 =AD 5 pm

CONTINUED FROM MEETING:

=85 Saturday 10 am =AD 1 pm: Talk by Tom Atlee on Deep Democracy (Collective Wisdom Group) at Fremont Community Living Room, 3400 Phinney Ave. N.

=85 Saturday 11 am =AD 2 pm: A Healing Circle will be facilitated on the gr=assy

space near the red sculpture at Seattle Center.

=85 Saturday 3 =AD 6 pm: Kaliya Hamlin, PlaNetwork, on Networking a Sustain=able

Future (Collective Wisdom Group), Fremont Com. Living Rm., 3400 Phinney N.

=85 Saturday 9 am - 7 pm: Sacred Heart Church Multi-Purpose Hall free all d=ay

=8B now scheduled for Open Dialogue (see below).

=85 Saturday 10 am =AD 5 pm: Easter Seals space, rooms for 15 people and 40 people free.

=85 Saturday 2 =AD 5 pm: CANCELLED Concert in St. Paul=B9s church

=85 Saturday 9 am =AD 7 pm: St. Paul=B9s basement kitchen and hall free all=day

=85 Sunday 2 pm: Jerusalem Women=B9s Panel (Christian, Muslim and Israeli =Jew)

is now scheduled for the University Friends Meeting, 4001 =AD 9th Ave. NE

Other events may also happen, but there were no definite times or spaces.

The Homelessness Track folks are seeking a venue for their play. Most events

above were scheduled away from Seattle Center, but there will be people at

the Center to tell NWSF attendees that the forum is cancelled or postponed.

Sandra Hernandez said her studio at 12th & E. Pike would be available on

Saturday until 2:30 pm and all day Sunday, but it=B9s not accessible. Cont=

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her at sandrahh@u.washington.edu or 206-328-3325.

2. QUESTION OF DOING OPEN DIALOGUE THIS WEEKEND.

a. Indigenous & Planning Committee Roles in Dialogue with Community.

Meeting members felt they needed to hear more about the background issues before they could really agree on an Open Dialogue process for the weekend.

Some members of the Planning Committee were present (Aaron Dixson, Fran Korten, Lucilene Lira, Dan Merkle, Michael Ramos=8Bmaybe others?). They we=

re

asked to open up the process of dialogue and decision-making, both in general and specifically with this "Oct. 7th Coalition/Community."

Concerns expressed included:

=85 Desire to respect that nobody from the Indigenous Committee was present, and so dialogue couldn=B9t include their viewpoint at this time, so it shouldn=B9t happen now.

=85 Agreement that there MUST BE dialogue with the Indigenous Committee and community to see what they want in the process.

=85 Fear that some people are putting "blame" onto Native Americans even though we are dealing with a much larger "structural political and philosophical problem."

=85 Anger that the dialogue couldn=B9t happen this weekend.

=85 Partial OKs from Evon Peters of the Indigenous Committee, who was repor=

ted

to have said he felt it was okay to go to Seattle Center this weekend and dialogue on race and cross-cultural communication

=85 Seattle Center and the other venues are somewhat more "white people=B9s space" than central and south Seattle, which are more comfortable for people

of color=8Ban additional, alternate space is needed.

=85 Need for "protocols" on how to communicate well with each other.

=85 Recognition that we=B9re trying to undo centuries of "stuff.=B9

b. Agreements re Open Dialogue this Weekend:

AGAIN, SEE DISCUSSION@NWSOCIALFORUM.ORG FOR FULL DESCRIPTION ON HOW WE PLAN TO DO THIS PROCESS=8BDETAILS FROM AFTER OUR MEETING.

NOW BACK TO THE MEETING MINUTES:

Design: Open Dialogue to focus on questions related to race and cross-cultural communication and healing. How do "we" become a real we? How can we bring about and improve intercultural communication, organizing, and healing? (We feel it=B9s okay to talk about our passions, but not to make

the presentations planned for the social forum=8Bif those go on, it should = be elsewhere than Seattle Center.)

Space: Because Seattle Center and the Sacred Heart Church are not so comfortable for many people of color, Yalonda will seek another site for Open Dialogue, somewhere in central or southeast Seattle.

Food. We also agreed that sharing food=8Bpotlucks=8Bshould be part of the process.

Supplies. Butcher paper, markers, etc.

Tables. Outreach. A sign-up list for helping went to Yalonda.

3. QUESTIONS FOR THE FUTURE =8B FOLLOW-UP TO THIS MEETING.

o Some people felt that what has happened is less important than what we do

now.

- o Some felt that they did not want to just wait on the Planning Committee to figure out what to do next, and that keeping the process open and transparent was essential.
- o Some felt that we "have to change our patriarchal leadership patterns."
- o Some people felt that the real question is not whether we can hold a social forum in the future, but what the social forums are FOR =8B the larger social and political purpose.
- o Some felt strongly that we should use this disruption of the event as a springboard to addressing the larger ongoing concerns =8B how we should now go about creating this other possible world we seek.

Questions for the Open Dialogue and/or for the Future:

- =85 How do we become "we"?
- =85 How can we bring about intercultural healing?
- =85 How can we organize across cultural, racial, regional, language, social= or other barriers?
- =85 What needs to happen to realize revolution?
- =85 What is leadership?
- =85 How do we choose our leadership?
- =85 How do we stay accountable to ourselves and others?
- =85 How can we share leadership?
- =85 How can we make our leadership-selection process democratic?
- =85 What is our vision=8B for the future, and/or for social forums?

=85 What is the structure appropriate to that vision?

=85 How can we learn from and heal the issues that led to the forum cancellation?

=85 What should we be doing differently?

=85 How can we deal with the split between "North and South, Whites and People of Color?"

=85 What do our respective communities want us to work on? Can we go back and ask them?

=85 Can we move from work within our communities to work across the divisions among us, including race and gender?

=85 Can we accept or welcome conflict when it's too soon to heal and first we have to face up to the reality of conflict and work it through?

=85 Are we here for the long haul?

=85 What do we want from the Northwest Social Forum?

=85 How can we include every community?

=85 Can people pull back their claws a bit?

4. Next Steps: Next Meeting Set for Mon. Nov. 15, 6:30 pm, place to be announced.

We want to meet with the Indigenous Committee organizers. Some on the Planning Committee will want to be a part of ongoing work, some not.

Transparency and inclusiveness should be top priorities in our ongoing

effort. Juan José Bocanegra will work with Yalonda Sindo to set up an

agenda for that meeting.

5. Responses from Planning Committee Members to Questions from Community.

Why was the forum cancelled? The statements are on the website, and Pcom members didn't want to speak on behalf of anyone else. Because of concern about process, allocation of resources, and lack of time for outreach, the Indig. Com. requested the PCom postpone. Some would have gone forward, but then other groups raised concerns, or pulled out. There wasn't time for dialogue to address the concerns, and it seemed better to cancel if the forum would have been without the leadership of the indigenous community. Our meeting urged the Pcom to go forward in setting dates for meetings with the Indig. & Youth Coms, but some did not want to leave this responsibility completely with the Pcom.

Does the PCom have the authority or power to cancel it? It's been a 2-year process. Many said they wanted to be involved, but only at the end, and many dropped out. At a 3-day retreat in April, major organizations stepped forward, offering the capacity and interest for providing leadership. We saw the forum itself as participatory but one of the 160 proposals came from people outside the Pcom. We saw our role as only the provision of infrastructure. The space contracts were signed by Dan Merkle, who therefore had the power to cancel them.

What was the process within the Planning Committee on cancellation? We spent about 20 hours on the phone together. It was an extremely consensus-based process but very difficult but very respectful, recognizing that

different communities had conflicting concerns, and postponement seemed the way to respect the largest number of those essential concerns.

What's next? Nobody owns the social forum.

Who has been paying for the social forum? The total budget, not all spent, was about \$85,000. There were grants of \$25,000 from the Marguerite Casey foundation, anonymous donors, the International Institute for Education, money for travel for low-income people (\$ to be returned), the Boulder Community Foundation, the Asia-Pacific Labor Alliance, SEIU, others. The money was funneled through the social forum fiscal agent, the Center for Social Justice, of which Dan Merkle is the executive director, and many Pcom members are on its Board of Directors.

How is it going to be opened up for us to work together? There are experts in process that can help us move forward. We could create some circles, and widen the circles, to include every possible community—e.g. Hondurans, Somalians.

What should be done now to preserve our options for the future? Don't return any money now; foundations often understand changes of date. Assume that we WILL have a social forum—don't close off options.

Closing Comment from Community Member: EVERYBODY should look at our particular responsibilities in what happened. Some of us had concerns and didn't bring them up. We tried to get involved and when that didn't happen we sort of drifted away. Each of us could perhaps have done something different that might have helped the process. Let's think about that, and reflect on what we can now bring to the ongoing work.

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To: <discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org>

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Thank you, Bill.

This message is a beacon to those of us who would like to become more involved but have been waiting for a sign that our participation would "serve the community as a whole".

And whose inboxes are already quite unworkable and not apt to get any better...

Jody Grage Haug, co-chair, Green Party of the United States

----- Original Message -----

From: "bill aal" <waal@toolsforchange.org>

To: <discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org>

Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2004 3:58 PM

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Bill

From: "bill aal" <waal@toolsforchange.org>

To: "Nancy Ging" <nancy@progressivenexus.org>,
"Todd Boyle" <tboyle@rosehill.net>

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I am very interested in this conversation after do this weekend, and in the process of understanding what happened this time around. One thing I want to say is that a lot of thinking did go into the process that we just went through , and folks inquired along the lines you suggest. I think we are in a stage where lots of experiments need to happen, most will fail in the short term and all are useful to learn from. This weekend there will be a panel about deep democracy with Tom Atlee that will be announced today. There will also be an open space on Saturday, to consider some of these topics. Check the web site.

Peace,

Bill

-----Original Message-----

From: Nancy Ging [mailto:nancy@progressivenexus.org]

Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2004 11:52 AM

To: 'Todd Boyle'; 'bill aal'

Cc: discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org

Subject: Planning the Process and Communication Infrastructure

I am very interested in working with anyone else interested to develop the communication infrastructure requirements that Todd brings up in his message. (In plain English, what kinds of communication and tasks are necessary to plan a Social Forum? What kinds of needs did planners experience this time? What would help us communicate over wider geography? Etc.)

However, I believe that planning the Forum PROCESS has to happen before we can develop the communication tools to accomplish it. I suggested earlier that thinking through the whole planning process more carefully would be necessary before we attempt a Forum again. Does the community agree? And are we ready as a community to take this on and do it thoroughly while we have no pressing time deadline?

Here are some ideas about what should be included in the work:

1. Thoroughly research how other forums, both global and regional, have been organized, and what their planners felt was

successful or unsuccessful about their process. We could split this up among ourselves to make quicker work of it.

2. Study relevant techniques--Open Space technology, consensus, electronic communication options, etc.--what are the requirements of each, pros and cons, potential pitfalls. Again, this could be divided among us, each reporting back their findings.

3. Look at how other organizations handle communication over wide geographical areas.

4. Consider any cultural and economic obstacles to full participation, and ways those can be addressed.

5. Devise ways to test techniques and tools to make sure they will work as intended.

6. Evaluate the logical sequence for developing a Forum. (For example--as I understand it--for this Forum planning and outreach started almost simultaneously. Perhaps next time outreach should happen first to build a community, followed by choosing a core planning committee, then fundraising and hiring staff, then the detailed event planning and logistical work.)

7. Consider how training will be handled (or not) as the planning process is developed. How will we help new participants become oriented to the process so they will know what to expect and can participate effectively?

What do others think? Are we ready to take on this work? If so, who would be willing to participate? Syd, your input would be invaluable, especially with regard to things you needed to be able to do to carry out your work. Members of the core planning committee and anyone else

who has been involved in the planning in any way would have essential information to contribute, too. Anyone who wanted to participate but felt excluded geographically or economically or culturally has key information to share. What worked well this time? What needed improvement? What was missing?

Once this process design work is done in detail, then we can figure out our web site and communication software needs. If we start now, perhaps we could have something useful ready to go by the time we decide to reschedule the NWSF.

I'd personally like to see this work begin immediately while our community is actively together (though I think once begun the work should proceed at a deliberate pace). I'm also willing to do whatever I can to help this happen.

If we proceed, I'd like to propose a format for the decision-making process for your consideration.

1. Use this email list as the primary tool for communication with the community as a whole.
2. Since not everyone uses the Internet, local and regional face-to-face meetings could be held to help identify problems, discuss possibilities, and develop proposals.
3. The results of local discussions would be posted to this list.

Individuals who are not near any group or can't meet with one for some reason can participate in the discussion directly via this list, or by sending snail mail to a volunteer who would relay the message to this list.

4. A new web site would be started. For now, it would include only:

- a. an archive of messages posted to this list;
- b. minutes from the local and regional meetings
- c. contact information for each group
- d. a carefully selected list of resources to be developed as we

progress (recommended books about Open Space, for example, or links to other forum web sites--not just any resources on the subject, but only the most clear and concise essentials, so we don't waste each other's time. Including a brief annotation about why the resource is relevant would also help.)

The goal of the web site would be for complete transparency. For example, if I wanted to understand how western Montana reached a particular conclusion, I could go read their minutes. If that wasn't enough information, I could call or email the contact person for their group and talk with them about it.

5. The existing online tech email list would be used as a place to discuss which technologies to use to accomplish the web site goals, and to decide how they will be developed. Anyone who is interested in the web site, including non-technical people, would be fully included in the process. Things will be explained so non-technical people can understand

the choices. Consensus would be required.

6. Decisions would be made via communication back and forth between this list and regional group meetings until consensus is reached on what should be decided. Proposals would have reasonable deadlines assigned for submitting feedback. If a proposal is revised, a new deadline would be assigned until finally consensus is reached.

7. Everyone who wants to participate in this process planning should be committed to the patience required for it to take as long as it takes. While everyone understands the planetary urgency of our work, I'm of the opinion that we must not let that pressure us into unmindful efforts. (Some might use the word "half-assed".) ;-) We are building the future, not just an event.

These are proposals for your consideration, and I look forward to the community's response. If we want to proceed, I'd suggest we reach agreement on the topics suggested above (the two groups of numbered items): our planning agenda, and our decision-making method.

For peace,
Nancy Ging

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Todd Boyle [mailto:tboyle@rosehill.net]

> Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2004 8:26 PM

> To: bill aal

> Cc: 'Yaney Maciver'; 'Elaine Tsiang YueLien';

> chuffed@onebox.com; discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org

> Subject: RE: [discussion] corporate personhood group?

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> Hi Bill, thanks so much for your message; I needed that.

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> I am highly available for things within 1-2 miles of home. I

> renounce

> driving. www.refusenik.org There are 50,000 people in Kirkland.

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> I am not saying that regional or internationally-scoped

> things are not

> worthwhile.

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> But I want things that have immediate tangible use to me and

> 50,000 people

> within bicycle distance! There are so many things that need

> fixing right

> here in our own schools, local government, and economic

> system, its like,

> pick up a shovel and start digging. Plenty to do, here.

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> And good god if I can't find community here then I'd better

> look inside,

> before I drive 15 miles roundtrip to Seattle and put another

> \$3 in the oil

> companies.

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> One final point -- you and I have been round and round about

> this--- it's

> high time we had better collaboration platforms. We need to

> support the

> whole lifecycle - community formation and communication and

> projects. When

> there is a panel discussion or workgroup on that subject I

> would consider

> participating.

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> Probably everybody knows that we need certain types of services, and

> servers, and an identity infrastructure..

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> We never moved beyond the requirements phase. We don't even

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To: "Todd Boyle" <tboyle@rosehill.net>,
"bill aal" <waal@toolsforchange.org>
Cc: <discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org>
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I am very interested in working with anyone else interested to develop the communication infrastructure requirements that Todd brings up in his message. (In plain English, what kinds of communication and tasks are

necessary to plan a Social Forum? What kinds of needs did planners experience this time? What would help us communicate over wider geography? Etc.)

However, I believe that planning the Forum PROCESS has to happen before we can develop the communication tools to accomplish it. I suggested earlier that thinking through the whole planning process more carefully would be necessary before we attempt a Forum again. Does the community agree? And are we ready as a community to take this on and do it thoroughly while we have no pressing time deadline?

Here are some ideas about what should be included in the work:

1. Thoroughly research how other forums, both global and regional, have been organized, and what their planners felt was successful or unsuccessful about their process. We could split this up among ourselves to make quicker work of it.

2. Study relevant techniques--Open Space technology, consensus, electronic communication options, etc.--what are the requirements of each, pros and cons, potential pitfalls. Again, this could be divided among us, each reporting back their findings.

3. Look at how other organizations handle communication over wide geographical areas.

4. Consider any cultural and economic obstacles to full participation, and ways those can be addressed.

5. Devise ways to test techniques and tools to make sure they will work as intended.

6. Evaluate the logical sequence for developing a Forum. (For

example--as I understand it--for this Forum planning and outreach started almost simultaneously. Perhaps next time outreach should happen first to build a community, followed by choosing a core planning committee, then fundraising and hiring staff, then the detailed event planning and logistical work.)

7. Consider how training will be handled (or not) as the planning process is developed. How will we help new participants become oriented to the process so they will know what to expect and can participate effectively?

What do others think? Are we ready to take on this work? If so, who would be willing to participate? Syd, your input would be invaluable, especially with regard to things you needed to be able to do to carry out your work. Members of the core planning committee and anyone else who has been involved in the planning in any way would have essential information to contribute, too. Anyone who wanted to participate but felt excluded geographically or economically or culturally has key information to share. What worked well this time? What needed improvement? What was missing?

Once this process design work is done in detail, then we can figure out our web site and communication software needs. If we start now, perhaps we could have something useful ready to go by the time we decide to reschedule the NWSF.

I'd personally like to see this work begin immediately while our community is actively together (though I think once begun the work

should proceed at a deliberate pace). I'm also willing to do whatever I can to help this happen.

If we proceed, I'd like to propose a format for the decision-making process for your consideration.

1. Use this email list as the primary tool for communication with the community as a whole.

2. Since not everyone uses the Internet, local and regional face-to-face meetings could be held to help identify problems, discuss possibilities, and develop proposals.

3. The results of local discussions would be posted to this list.

Individuals who are not near any group or can't meet with one for some reason can participate in the discussion directly via this list, or by sending snail mail to a volunteer who would relay the message to this list.

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- a. an archive of messages posted to this list;
- b. minutes from the local and regional meetings
- c. contact information for each group
- d. a carefully selected list of resources to be developed as we

progress (recommended books about Open Space, for example, or links to other forum web sites--not just any resources on the subject, but only the most clear and concise essentials, so we don't waste each other's

time. Including a brief annotation about why the resource is relevant would also help.)

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5. The existing online tech email list would be used as a place to discuss which technologies to use to accomplish the web site goals, and to decide how they will be developed. Anyone who is interested in the web site, including non-technical people, would be fully included in the process. Things will be explained so non-technical people can understand the choices. Consensus would be required.

6. Decisions would be made via communication back and forth between this list and regional group meetings until consensus is reached on what should be decided. Proposals would have reasonable deadlines assigned for submitting feedback. If a proposal is revised, a new deadline would be assigned until finally consensus is reached.

7. Everyone who wants to participate in this process planning should be committed to the patience required for it to take as long as it takes.

While everyone understands the planetary urgency of our work, I'm of the opinion that we must not let that pressure us into unmindful efforts.

(Some might use the word "half-assed" .) ;-) We are building the future,

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These are proposals for your consideration, and I look forward to the community's response. If we want to proceed, I'd suggest we reach agreement on the topics suggested above (the two groups of numbered items): our planning agenda, and our decision-making method.

For peace,

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Hi folks. I thought it might be helpful to post a list resources that was compiled by people in the media justice movement. While some of the resources may be "media issue specific", really all of our issues are interrelated and the work around undoing privilege and oppression (race, class, gender, preference, ability and more) applies to all our organizing. The resource guide can be found at www.reclaimthedia.org, under media justice resources.

Many of you may have seen some or possibly all of these articles and resources, but it is a nice compilation. Please feel free to share with your organizations and friends. If you have any additional resources that you don't see listed on the website version, please let me know and i'll pass it on to the compilers.

peace,

brenna

Complete Resource Guide located at:

<http://www.reclaimthedia.org/pages.php?node=04/08/05/3717831&PHPSESSID=f1316e037dadda387d3892f58a2829d7>

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An Open Letter To Activists Concerning Racism In The Anti-War
Movement February 13, 2003 written by activists in response to organizing
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www.soaw.org/new/article.php?id=604

Color in the Anti-War Movement: Activists of Color Mobilize Against War at
Home and Abroad by Elizabeth (Betita) Martinez plus EM's specific response
to the "Open Letter" cited above.

www.resistinc.org/newsletter/issues/2003/04/martinez.html

WHERE WAS THE COLOR IN SEATTLE? Looking for reasons why the Great Battle
was so white By Elizabeth (Betita) Martinez

www.arc.org/C_Lines/CLArchive/story3_1_02.html

What Aren't Black People Pulling Their Anti-War Weight?

www.blackcommentator.com/35/35_guest_commentator.html

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Speaking for Ourselves - article by Makani Themba-Nixon & Nan Rubin Nov.
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www.arc.org/C_Lines/CLArchive/story6_4_01.html

U.S. Media Activism and the Search for Constituency by Aliza Dichter
www.arc.org/C_Lines/CLArchive/story6_4_01.html

Communications Policy is a Civil Rights Issue by Mark Lloyd
Lloyd wrote this useful report for the 2002 Citizen's Commission on Civil
Rights in 2002 - The Progress and Proposals for a Civil Rights Agenda in
the Communications Policy Arena.
www.ctcnet.org/resources/review/r981lloy.htm

Chicago Tonight: Elites, Affluence & Advertising -
This report by Chicago Media Action, released on July 19, 2004, provides
an analysis, including race and gender, of Chicago Tonight, the flagship
hour-long TV program of WTTW Channel 11, Chicago's main PBS affiliate. To
our knowledge, this study is the most in-depth analysis of WTTW or of
Chicago Tonight which has ever been conducted -- thirty episodes across
three months involving more than 400 show guests. Includes suggestions for
action.
www.chicagomediaaction.org/pdf/CMA_WTTW.pdf

Why Are Civil Rights Groups Neglecting Media Policy? by Seeta Pena

Gangadharan, April 2002

www.alternet.org/story.html?StoryID=12841

-----RESOURCES

FOR ANTI-OPPRESSION EDUCATION AND ORGANIZING

The Western States Center, located in Portland, OR, an organization that has a number of resources for social justice organizations on their website, from their Dismantling Racism. These include:

Moving A Racial Justice Agenda: Organizational Assessment, Are you ready?

www.westernstatescenter.org/resource/MRGAgendaAssessment.pdf

Assessing Organizational Racism a tool for predominantly white organizations and multi-racial organizations of white people and people of color.

westernstatescenter.org/resource/assessingorgracism.pdf

Challenging Homophobia, Racism and Other Oppressive Moments tips on how to respond to comments and behavior (for “moments” not for deeper dynamics)

www.westernstatescenter.org/resource/ChallengingMoments.pdf

White Supremacy Culture From Dismantling Racism: A Workbook for Social

Change Groups, by Kenneth Jones and Tema Okun, ChangeWork, 2001

This is a list of characteristics of white supremacy culture which show up in our organizations.

www.prisonactivist.org/cws/dr-culture.html White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack

www.soaw.org/new/article.php?id=696

School of the America's website also includes:

Tools for White Guys who are Working for Social Change

www.soaw.org/new/article.php?id=471 Definitions from A is for Ableism to W is for White Supremacy...

www.soaw.org/new/article.php?id=629#ally

Applied Resource Center Publications: Bridging the Gap Between Analysis and Action. Publications include:

ColorLines Magazine "covering the latest in race, culture and organizing," and many useful articles including an interview with Anne Braden, long-time Southern civil rights activist, discussing the role of white people in civil rights organizing.

www.arc.org/C_Lines/CLArchive/story4_1_02.html

Multiracial Formations: New Instruments for Social Change A study edited by Gary Delgado (founder of Center for Third World Organizing and Applied Resource Center) presenting general observations, key lessons and recommendations on a range of multiracial models and experiences. For more information on this and RaceWire, their news service, go to:

www.arc.org

Talking the Walk: A Communications Guide for Racial Justice - Edited by
Hunter Cutting and Makani Themba-Nixon, published in 2003 by We Interrupt
This Message. An excellent "insider's guide to disrupting the current
narrative (or lack of narrative) on race justice." For more info:

www.interrupt.org

Uprooting Racism: How White People Can Work For Racial Justice, Paul Kivel
published by New Society Publishers, 1996. This is one of the better books
on this topic.

From: <SMaeda777@aol.com>

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Subject: Re: [discussion] Message to the NWSF Community

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I would really resist passing resolutions, etc.....What was sooooo refreshing about the WSF format is that you can focus your entire attention on learning and sharing, rather than organizing to prevail on votes. It allowed total sectarian, dogmatic people to sit and talk with those of us who want to hear divergent opinions (yes, there is more than one opinion among progressives). We knew there were lots of various "struggles" going on: not enough women speakers, certain leadership styles, etc....but the overwhelming opportunity to truly focus on what we can all take home and use effectively far outweighed those behind the scenes difficulties.

I have been to a number of progressive global conferences and the WSF was by far the best.....mostly, I think, because we were not being forced to listen to speeches of people trying to convince us to their "side" of an issue.

What didn't work here is hardly a reason to throw out the concept. Rather, it means we need more people....to be willing to be involved in the planning throughout. When so many of us dropped out from the Planning Committee because we had other priorities, we left a small, totally dedicated core of people to do all the work. They HAD to make decisions and they were always short handed. I'd like to think that if we took our responsibility more seriously and continued to be involved, we could have brought the specific situation with our indigenous sisters and brothers to some good resolution before it got to this point. I blame no one on the Planning Committee, the WSF or the folks that pulled out. Rather, it was too few people stretched too thin, working under intense pressure on all sides. What happened here is no reason to throw out the WSF concept.

peace,

Sharon Maeda

Date: Tue, 12 Oct 2004 19:20:28 -0700 (PDT)

From: "shanti" <shanti330@yahoo.com>

To: "Cynthia Moulds" <Cynthia.Moulds@wwu.edu>,
<discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org>

Cc: <justice@ccej.org>,
<waal@toolsforchange.org>

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Subject: [discussion] RE: Follow-up to Oct 7th Mtg. and an Invitation

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I agree with both Vicki and Cynthia below.

Now, the Indigenous and Youth committees have made their point that they felt marginalized and walked out. As a result, the Forum is now indefinitely postponed. My question is: when will the Youth and Indigenous committees choose to come back to the table? Not necessarily as a group to reconvene with the Planning Committee whose organization is in doubt, but rather to discuss with the entire community their concerns in general for undertaking a fair and just planning process for a forum such as this?

Many people who attended the emergency meetings on Oct. 7 and 11th have already begun to try to learn from and heal from this process. This Saturday, location TBA, there will be an Open Space Dialogue for people to gather for learning and healing and opening to a way to move forward. I know that several members of the Planning Committee said that they will be

there. I particularly invite people from the Youth and Indigenous committees to show up, not necessarily as united fronts but at the very least, as individuals. You've helped set into momentum a course of events that many people have questions and concerns about and would like to learn from. Many people have said that they would like to hear about your concerns from the planning process and what your conceptions are about the process of moving forward and what to do next. While the process of reviewing what has happened and hearing from the Planning Committee and the Youth and Indigenous committees probably needs to be planned out at length so there can be adequate transparency and due public process, I still think that we as individuals and a community at large can still begin to dialogue about what needs to be addressed and how. You have your experience and hindsight to offer and I think it could really help with opening up the planning process to all. At the very minimum, you could attend as observers to begin to understand the issues many in the rest of the community are concerned with regarding what has happened and this process.

Why not begin now?

with respect,
in community,

Ashanti Stearns

--- Cynthia Moulds <Cynthia.Moulds@wwu.edu> wrote:

> These are very complex and crucially important
> questions we have been conducting through this
> discussion list and I for one have been amazed at
> the depth and caring I have seen. With that in mind
> I am responding to a recent comment around the issue
> of "choice" and "victimhood".

>

> (the excerpt>>>)

> "Why do some people think that when individuals or
> groups do not participate it is because they are
> being left out of the process? You can (as can we
> all in this state) participate easy enough if we
> choose to. If we don't, we cannot truthfully say we
> were left out of the process simply because we made
> a decision not to participate. Life is a
> choice as are all the decisions we make. I learned
> in college that there are NO victims over age 18.
> It's time that everyone learn to assume
> responsibility for the choices they make. I don't
> wish to sound heartless but I do not support
> victimhood...I do not believe that there is any
> limit to resources. Unfortunately, we were taught in
> most cultures how to be a victim rather than a

> victor. Because many have learned this so well, it
> seems there is a loss of resources."

>

> Response:

> You may believe there are enough resources for
> everyone, I agree, but people do not all have equal
> access to those resources, and acknowledging these
> systems of inequality and speaking out about them
> (i.e. through "choosing"-if even given the option-to
> walk away when one feels marginalized) is not
> victimhood. Choice is often a loaded word used by
> those who are usually white and/or privileged.

> Cynthia Moulds

> Gender Justice Group-NWSF

> Bellingham

>

> -----Original Message-----

> From: vicki@sevenday.net

> [mailto:vicki@sevenday.net]

> Sent: Tue 10/12/2004 3:03 AM

> To: lanscot@drizzle.com; justice@ccej.org;

> waal@toolsforchange.org; sam@projectalchemy.org;

> margo@toolsforchange.org;

> discussion@lists.nwsocialforum.org;

> j.ramer@comcast.net; vikis@oz.net

> Cc:

> Subject: RE: [discussion] RE: Follow-up to Oct 7th

> Mtg.

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> Nancy and Everyone, Why do some people think that

> when individuals or groups do not

> participate it is because they are being left out

> of the process? You can (as can we all in

> this state) participate easy enough if we choose

> to. If we don't, we cannot truthfully say we

> were left out of the process simply because we made

> a decision not to participate. Life is a

> choice as are all the decisions we make. I learned

> in college that there are NO victims over

> age 18. It's time that everyone learn to assume

> responsibility for the choices they make. Why

> is this such a difficult concept for some people to

> grasp?

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> I don't wish to sound heartless but I do not

> support victimhood. I'd rather spend my time

> teaching people of all cultures how to manifest

> their desires. I do not believe that there is

> any limit to resources. Unfortunately, we were

> taught in most cultures how to be a victim

> rather than a victor. Because many have learned

> this so well, it seems there is a loss of

> resources.

>

> I believe we can learn how to unlearn what we were

> taught. But this requires willing

> volunteers.

>

> Blessings, Vicki Wantland Seven Day Earth

> Association www.sevenday.net

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> Nancy Ging nancy@progressivenexus.org wrote:

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> >> -----Original Message-----

> >> From: Lance Scott [<mailto:lanscot@drizzle.com>]

> >> Sent: Sunday, October 10, 2004 4:18 AM

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> >>

> >> These initial short-term, Seattle-centric

> meetings seem to be ... to

> >try to

> >> figure out how that weekend might be used in a

> way that **begins** to

> >> serve NWSF goals in the longer term.

> >

> >The whole NWSF community, not just Seattle, should

> be involved in

> >figuring out how to use that weekend to serve NWSF

> goals in the longer

> >term, don't you think? If people are meeting to

> figure out the Seattle

> >area's opinion so they can present that to the

> whole community for

> >consideration, that's one thing, and hopefully

> that's what you have in

> >mind. To leave out the rest of the community from

> the decision-making

> >and just report final decisions would be exactly

> the kind of

> >marginalizing that Indigenous People and Youth

> Committees were

> >complaining about, wouldn't it?

> >

> >For peace,

> >Nancy

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hi everyone,

here's some info about the world social forum!

enjoy.

sheri

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Monday, January 31, 2005 05:33 PM

To: sheri@speakeasy.org

Subject: WORLD SOCIAL FORUM: The Consensus of Porto Alegre?

High hopes and a few disappointments, strong solidarity but also some division -- the fifth annual World Social Forum, in Porto Alegre, Brazil, had something for everyone, for the 120,000 activists from around the globe and from all types of civil society groups who took part in conferences, workshops and informal debate Jan. 26-31, with one shared belief: "another world is possible."

WORLD SOCIAL FORUM: The Consensus of Porto Alegre?

By Debra Anthony and Jos= E9 Ant= F4nio Silva

PORTO ALEGRE - In a bold break with the concept of the World Social Forum as a horizontal, open space, a group of personalities draft a programme and urge participants to approve it.

http://ipsnews.net/new_notas.asp?idnews=3D27250

HUGO CH= C1VEZ, PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA: "THE WSF SHOULD HAVE A STRATEGY OF POWER"

By Mario Dujisin

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez issued a challenge for direct political action yesterday at the WSF.

<http://ipsterraviva.net/TV/WSF2005/viewstory.asp?idnews=3D170>

IMF AND WORLD BANK FACE THE WSF: AGREE TO DISAGREE

By Hilmi Toros

In a rare encounter, Civil Society met their nemesis, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank (WB), at the WSF on Saturday. The exchanges were cordial enough.

<http://ipsterraviva.net/TV/WSF2005/viewstory.asp?idnews=3D156>

WORLD SOCIAL FORUM: Nobel Laureate Saramago Defends Lula

By Rafael Pierri

PORTO ALEGRE - Portuguese author Jose Saramago, winner of the 1998 Nobel Prize for Literature, condemned the "disproportionate" protests at the World Social Forum against the president of the host country, Brazil's Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

http://ipsnews.net/new_notas.asp?idnews=3D27243

INTERVIEW: ANTONIO GUTERRES

"A MARSHALL PLAN FOR AFRICA"

By Mario Dujisin

Former prime minister of Portugal Antonio Guterres, current president of the Socialist International, spoke with TerraViva at the WSF. He is promoting

a "non-paternalistic Marshall Plan" for Africa and he criticises the double standard policies of the world's superpowers.

<http://ipsterraviva.net/TV/WSF2005/viewstory.asp?idnews=3D180>

WORLD SOCIAL FORUM: Reclaiming "Our" UN - And Changing It

By Hilmi Toros

PORTO ALEGRE - As the United Nations turns 60, the international civil society movement is aiming to create "a global alliance" to forge changes that go beyond what the UN or its members are currently willing to do in transforming the world body.

http://ipsnews.net/new_notas.asp?idnews=3D27241

WORLD SOCIAL FORUM: Where Dreams Are Shattered in a Garbage Heap

By Zofeen Ebrahim

KARACHI, Pakistan - "Can the poor ever look happy?" counters 70-year old Raheema, without looking up. She is bent double, rummaging through the garbage with her bare hands, looking for old rusted iron nails, scrap metal, animal bones, plastic and broken glass.

http://ipsnews.net/new_notas.asp?idnews=3D27236

'IT'S FROM THE FORUM, NOT OF THE FORUM'

Kamal Mitra Chenoy, a Professor at the School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University was a member of the Adhoc India Organising Committee, WSF. In the following interview with Qurrutul-Ain Tahmina, he reflects =

on the Manifesto of Porto Alegre and the WSF=92s journey from Mumbai to Por=
to Alegre, and beyond.

<http://ipsterraviva.net/TV/WSF2005/viewstory.asp?idnews=3D188>

WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM: Unique Awards Highlight Corporate Irresponsibility=20

By Gustavo Capdevila

DAVOS, Switzerland - As the world's business and political elite continue t=
heir annual meeting in this Swiss alpine resort, civil society representati=
ves have singled out four transnationals as the most socially irresponsible=
on the planet, and presented them with the Public Eye on Davos Award.

http://ipsnews.net/new_notas.asp?idnews=3D27229

WORLD SOCIAL FORUM: North-South Meets, More Reforms Needed for MDGs

By Ra=FAI Pierri

PORTO ALEGRE - The leaders of the industrialised North and the developing S=
outh must hold regular meetings, and global reforms must be instituted if t=
he Millennium Development Goals are to be achieved, according to the Helsin=
ki Process meeting at the fifth World Social Forum (WSF).

http://ipsnews.net/new_notas.asp?idnews=3D27226

WORLD SOCIAL FORUM: Venezuela Aims to Channel Voice of the South

By Humberto M=E1rquez

CARACAS - Following in the footsteps of Arabic broadcaster Al Jazeera, Vene=
zuela is spearheading a project to launch a new television network that wil=

I bring the voice of Latin America and the Caribbean to the rest of world, =
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