

The Adirondack Arc Presents  
2004  
NORTHEAST SUMMER  
INCLUSION INSTITUTE

*MOVING INCLUSION FROM A GOOD IDEA  
TO EVERYDAY LIFE*

Aug. 29 5 p.m. (dinner)—Sept. 1 (after lunch)  
Minnowbrook Conference Center  
Rt. 28  
Blue Mountain Lake, NY  
([www.minnowbrook.org](http://www.minnowbrook.org))

When people are highly motivated, it's easy to accomplish the impossible. And when they're not, it's impossible to accomplish the easy.

--Bob Collings

This workshop is for the thinkers and doers—those who know there are no easy answers. Come to Blue Mtn. Lake and join a group of highly motivated individuals who are seeking new ways of thinking and acting.

FOR PARENTS, PROVIDERS,  
EDUCATORS AND EVERYONE WHO  
BELIEVES THAT ALL PEOPLE BELONG TOGETHER AND THAT EVERYONE HAS GIFTS TO  
CONTRIBUTE.

OUR CHALLENGE IS TO IDENTIFY THE GIFTS AND WELCOME GIFT GIVING.

## **LEARN BASIC PRINCIPLES OF:**

Community organizing  
Making meetings matter  
Person Centered Planning  
Asset-Based Community  
Development (ABCD)

## **DEVELOP PRACTICAL SKILLS:**

Building relationships  
Identifying strengths  
Creative facilitation skills – MAPS, PATHS, SOLUTION CIRCLES  
Making connections

## **LEARN ABOUT:**

Partnerships that work between local agencies and neighborhoods  
Developing neighborhood leadership  
How agencies can support individuals and groups to be more  
inclusive Asset Based Community Development

### **FACULTY:**

**Jack Pearpoint** is an independent Canadian Publisher (Inclusion Press) and a catalyst for Inclusion, Diversity, Teamwork and CHANGE!

Jack leads and creates workshops, seminars, institutes that help people and organizations move fully into the 21st Century. He writes, publishes, and distributes jargon free books, newspapers, videos, CD's and posters on the topics of inclusion, diversity, teamwork and change. In partnership with his late wife, Marsha Forest, and John O'Brien, he has worked in developing and sharing planning tools (MAPS, PATH, Solution Circles, etc) with graphic facilitation - internationally. Jack is also the Director of the Marsha Forest Centre (formerly the Centre). Web: [www.inclusion.com](http://www.inclusion.com)

**John O'Brien** with his partner Connie Lyle O'Brien, spend much of their working lives under the umbrella of Responsive Systems Associates on projects involving a network of people who cooperate in building local capacity to include people with substantial disabilities in all aspects of community life. Projects focus on:

- Facilitating planning for people and their families, agencies, service systems, and governments that improves ability to listen and respond to people with disabilities and their families.
- Assisting innovators to evaluate programs and policies that open new opportunities for community participation and choice.
- Helping people reflect on the meaning of providing personal assistance and the work of designing and leading agencies that reveal and support capacities and mutual contributions.
- Supporting people to communicate what they are learning from their lives and their work. Many of these activities happen through our association with the Center on Human Policy.

Work in several countries has expanded our experience and our network beyond the United States to include people in Australia, Bosnia, Canada, England, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Scotland, Spain, and Wales.

**Mike Green** has worked for over twenty years as a community organizer helping communities create local organizations for development and is a founder of the Asset Based Community Development Training Group. His work addresses the question of community engagement—building community partnerships that truly work. How do you develop a 'community organization' that can effectively engage an ever wider circle of the community working together; residents, associations, congregations, non profits, government, and

local business? How do 'servant institutions' such as schools or local government find and mobilize local assets? How can local institutions of government, non profits, and business promote citizenship, strengthen community leadership, and support neighborhoods getting stronger? Mike has been involved in the development and writing of three ABCD publications; "The Guide to Capacity Inventories: Mobilizing the Community Skills of Local Residents", "Building the Bridge from Client to Citizen: A Community Toolbox for Welfare Reform" and a new publication in progress about ABCD for Inclusion--how to build the bridge from human service client to productive community member.

**Jan Fitzgerald** is the Executive Director of Parent to Parent of NYS, an organization that supports and connects parents of individuals with special needs. This is a network of over 1400 parents of individuals who have made the offer to speak with other parents. Jan is a parent who believes in community inclusion and the importance of being connected to community resources.

All accommodations are double occupancy-specify if you have a person you are attending with and want to room with.

\$750 This rate is all-inclusive—tuition, meals and accommodations. (\$600 for parents and self-advocates).  
Make checks payable to The Adirondack Arc, 12 Mohawk St.,  
Tupper Lake, NY 12986 (Rate without meals and accommodations \$225.)

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Share room with:\_\_\_\_\_

**Indicate if special accommodations are needed. Please indicate:**

Accessible room\_\_\_\_\_

(There are a limited number of wheelchair accessible rooms.  
Please indicate if a ground floor room or wheelchair room is needed. )

Meals\_\_\_\_\_

**For more information, contact Les Parker at 518-359-3351, ext. 106  
Minnowbrook Conference Center is in a rural area of NYS. The weather in  
late August can range from 80's during the day to 40's at night.  
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