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the Toronto Summer Institute

Inclusion, Community & Diversity

July 12-17, 2008 in downtown Toronto @ Ryerson University



THE TORONTO SUMMER INSTITUTE on INCLUSION, COMMUNITY AND DIVERSITY July 12-17, 2008



FACULTY

John McKnight – Prof. North Western Univ., founder ABCD Institute John O'Brien – learning about inclusive communities from people with disabilities Mike Green - ABCD Training Institute - Denver, CO Jack Pearpoint – Inclusion Press, Marsha Forest Centre, advocate Lynda Kahn – Inclusion Press, Marsha Forest Centre, advocate Gary Bunch - Prof of Education, York Univ. Toronto Glen Cochrane - Social Planning Council, Winnipeg, MB Wayne Helgason - Director, Social Planning Council, Winnipeg, MB Tom Kohler - Citizen Advocacy, Savannah, GA Gerv Leyden – Univ of Nottingham, England Sheldon Schwitek - Kalamazoo, MI Heather Simmons - Perth, Australia Lois Smidt - Ames, Iowa Judith Snow – author, lecturer, citizenship organizer for people with disabilities Erwin Wieringa - the Netherlands and other guest hosts still to be announced.

FOR:

People working actively on the complex issues of inclusion and diversity in communities, workplaces and schools will want to attend this event. This Institute is for Thinkers and Doers. - for people who know there are no easy answers and who are seeking new ways of thinking and acting. This will be a unique adventure in building a learning community together. The faculty see themselves as a jazz combo who have a definite theme and a flair for improvisation - harmonizing with the participants.

WHERE: Pittman Hall - Ryerson University - downtown Toronto

Ryerson University is in the heart of downtown Toronto, one of the most multicultural cities in the world - rich in diversity, social activism, and culture. We know you will enjoy the Institute, and all that Toronto offers: great food, great theatre, jazz, the Toronto Islands (great roller-blading and walking), an incredible array of affordable restaurants, the Blue Jays, the Raptors, the people. Eat your way through the city. Enjoy!

OUTCOMES:

Guarantees are hard to come by, but if you show up, be present, tell the truth and let go of preconceived luggage you will leave with a:

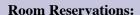
- ★ network of new colleagues and friends
- ★ knowledge, skills and tools for change
- ★ an individual PATH or MAP- your own unique plan of action to get you in motion in your own place of work/life (if you want one) *

OUR AIM: is that we all celebrate our learning together and leave:

- ★ renewed
- ★ refreshed &
- ★ re-energized to continue our work
- * **PATH & MAPS** are creative planning tools that utilize Graphic Facilitation to collect information and develop positive future plans. **MAPS** focuses on gathering information for planning based on the Story (history) of a person or organization. **PATH** goes directly to the future and implements backwards planning to create a step-by-step path to a desirable future.

WHERE?

Pittman Hall, Ryerson University - Toronto http://www.ryerson.ca/conference/accommodations/index.html 160 Mutual Street, Toronto, ON, Canada M5B 2M2 416-979-5000



You are in charge of and responsible for your own accommodation and meals. We do NOT make room reservations. The residence at Ryerson University has very pleasant new facilities right on campus. Please make your own as soon as possible. We will arrange a block of rooms for a time.

There are two levels of residential rooms - and a wide array of hotels in the immediate area. Pittman Hall - college dorm style single rooms - \$54.00 (+10% tax); and the International Residence, hotel style \$83.00 (+10% tax).

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Limited Enrollment
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FORMAT of the WEEK: (a work in progress)

Learning Marketplace: Beginning Monday, we will 'create' a Learning Marketplace, to fit your skills and needs into a master format for the week. Bring the topics you are passionate about - to share and/or to learn about. The Marketplace will allow your contributions to flourish and you to be in charge of your own agenda. You will invent your agenda!

Evening Sessions: daily - spontaneous - MAPS, PATHs, food, theatre, music, reflection.

Advanced facilitation mentoring in both process and graphic facilitation - spontaneous - daily.

Meals: unless otherwise specified, you are responsible for your own meal arrangements.

SATURDAY EVENING, JULY 12

7:00 p.m. - Saturday, July 12

Welcome and Registration Reception (not dinner)

Aboriginal Smudge Welcome Ceremony + Keynote

SUNDAY, JULY 13

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 Ideas That Matter: Presentations by Institute Hosts.

Themes:

- Community Organizing Asset Based Community Development (ABCD);
- Person-Centred Planning: MAPS & PATH;
- Inclusive Education:
- Make a Difference... and more....

MONDAY JULY 14

9:00 a.m.: Community Reflections

10:30 Setting up the Learning Marketplace!

After Lunch: The Learning Marketplace begins! - designed by participants and hosts; organized in tutorials, small groups, large groups, etc.

Workshops continue until you choose to stop...

TUESDAY JULY 15

9:00 a.m.: Community Reflections

10:30 The Learning Marketplace continues!

WEDNESDAY JULY 16

9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Community Reflections, Tools and Stories.

10:30- 2:00 p.m. The Learning Marketplace continues

6:00 p.m. on - Graduation Celebration and Barbecue

THURSDAY JULY 17

9:00 a.m.: Community Reflections and Closing

2:00 p.m. Finale (complete by 2:00)

HOW TO APPLY:

MAF for:

We want to minimize bureaucracy. A check for \$650 (Early Bird rate: \$600/person) or a Purchase Order to Inclusion Press will make you a contributing member of our learning community. Space is limited: applicants will be taken on a first come - first served basis. (If you want to pay by credit card, please contact Cathy Hollands by e-mail or phone – cathy@inclusion.com)

All the instructors want this to be a small, high Quality Institute for current and future leaders in building inclusive communities, schools and workplaces. All are welcome. We urge you to get funding from local sources. Unfortunately, there are no scholarships.

Teams of 3 or more - \$450 per person. (Early Bird rate \$400/person for teams). (Early Bird Rate ends May 31, 2008)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Can I come to only part of the Institute? Sorry! All or nothing at all.

Can I get a course outline? There will be a creative daily agenda.

What should I bring? Comfortable clothes, your heart, soul, imagination, flexibility, openness, courage, compassion and crayola, or other felt tip markers (chisel tip), a bathing suit. Musical instruments, family photos.

What's the weather like? Usually lovely - but occasional hot and humid.

Who will this benefit most? Educators, community activists, environmental activists, health promotion people, family members, advocates, nurses, doctors, lawyers, parents, students of all ages, popular educators, literacy workers, social workers, therapists, adult educators, workers of all kinds.

Cancellation Policy: After May 30, no refunds.

The Institute is operated as a breakeven operation with support from Inclusion Press and the Marsha Forest Centre.

FOR INFORMATION: Most of the information you need is already here. This Institute is an adventure in learning. There will be no course outlines, but rather daily agendas. This is education on the edge. Join us and together we will build a better tomorrow.

If you still need information, Contact:

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