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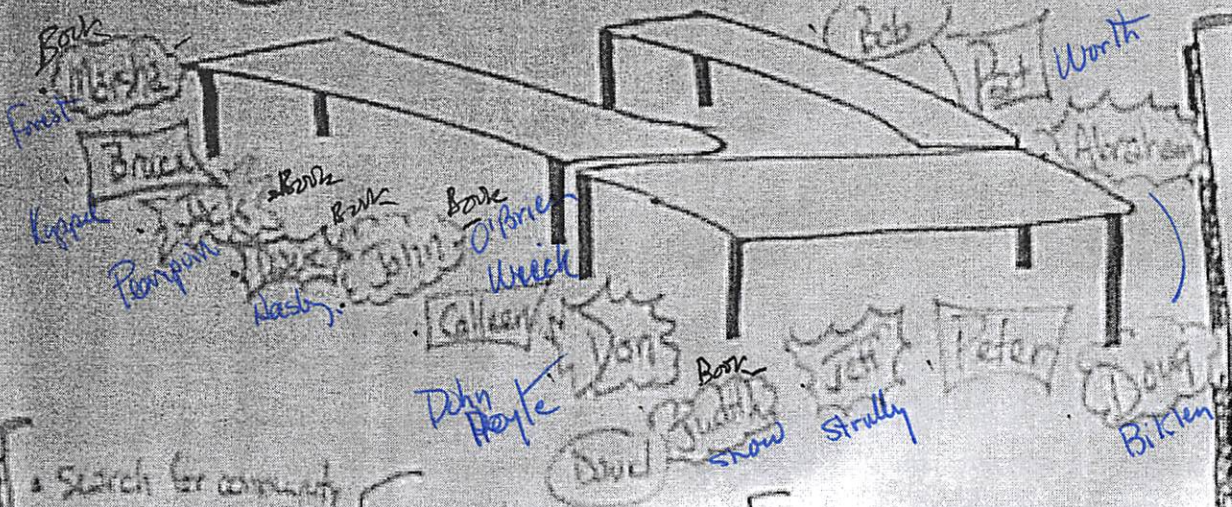
WHO'S HERE for THIS?

and

WHY?

Want
to
be back

Pat Worth
George Flynn
John McKnight
Bob Williams
Tom Kohler



- get stuff out to wider group
- build something in Canada
hooking people together into $\rightarrow$ parties
- info network
- how to use new new tech
at low cost $\rightarrow$ prevent isolation
getting info to people
- broaden network (Canada $\rightarrow$ Northern)

- Search for community
- to find meaning for the loss of relationships
- looking for a new way of finding out
- ways to enhance what is going on

- need to share what we're doing + how to do it
- need some clarity of purpose
- focus on integration
- to meet people in the field + learn

- to make sure double for people gift does not get lost
- thinking about ways for help or a company to

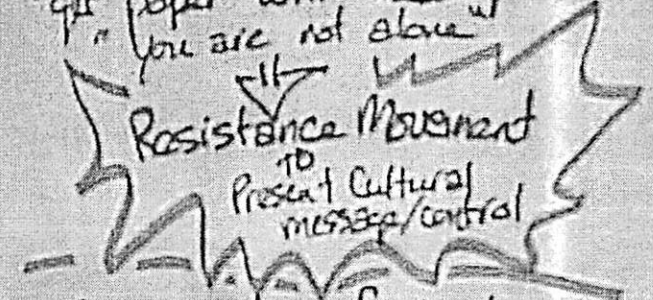
- Martha asked
- use some money available to produce something new
- how do we get with others
- we had a fund for more in a year
- business & saving up to do together

③ Vehicles

- a place for people to be refreshed
- written material is essential
- ways to celebrate good things
- plan ways and places to get together
- Reassure that we are not crazy (or that it is OK to be so)
- Solidify knowledge that we are on edge of social change
- I am concerned about the message going out. (Self)
- Fear deep concern that technology will destroy community we are trying to build Caution!
- need to remind ourselves that we are dealing with lives = physical / emotional / spiritual
- Can we identify ways to talk about social change movement ⇒ empowering model

rejecting existing human service professionals

- people get excited when they get paper with message "you are not alone"



- Frustration ⇒ infrastructure to send out the mail
- Purpose ⇒ we are channels to larger network of resources
- Some of us will be involved + active in political social change ⇒ not all of us
- How do we improve our channelling ability = ?

- Story ⇒ gathered people to get N.J. ⇒ services extended to people not labelled cognitively impaired

MAOD ⇒ phone deluge on administration

- ④ can we create channel that can get knowledge of action + anger to large scale numbers
- numbers multiplication
~~move~~ → moves people in power
 but they don't know how many involved
 - How do we create info structure to allow vision of people we want to serve to be heard?
 - How to create opportunities to gather without excluding "Peter Helleiner"
 - LINKAGE to People is a Key!
 - This group shares Ideological Purity to pass on ⇒ not likely to be grand political action
 - How do I get right person to speak to teachers, admin, etc ⇒ to increase belief network?

- We must keep purity of Vision
- develop it, share it!
- How to let people know where we are at ⇒ no need to recreate 
- Critical for us to be on track with vision
- We need channel for Dialogue about the Vision!
- We know something out there exists that counters the SKIT!
 100's out there who want + need to know they are part of it

technology can be used to blow up or build!

⑤ Gathering thoughts

SUM →

- Would it serve to have another kind of linkage
- Would anyone put into it
- Who is interested

1. growing # of people doing things + wanting to share
- feel - hostile environment
 - need to get together
 - paper can't substitute + vice versa
 - no theory about how we make change (know what we don't want)
 - close connection needed between action + lives of disabled people

Small Question

- I want to know - what to read
- Where to visit
- what people are thinking about
- who is out there

Is there a small structure/medium of exchange to get information + challenge

- Can we risk assuming the discussion about VISION?
- Can we look at, challenge, talk about vision

Come and see
"ON THE ROAD"

Analogy:

End of Apartheid

- We can't minimize the "work in progress"
- Vision ⇒ We never get past pain and struggle in our models



⇒ lives of people with disability or others rejected. their gift

• dialogue of struggle must be made public

⑥ message of living with pain must be discussed + made public

• We must be able to gather to struggle with issue of pain

NEED to Articulate

• How to bring language from another planet? to people with decision making power

Analogy ⇒ Judith's Hospital experience

• Dr's quit after making major error

• Surgeon ⇒ Why do you want this surgery anyway?

How to break through this wall?

• We must dig into the why! and engage others in the digging.

How DO WE DO IT?

• How can we have the VISION sustain the moment?

Analogy

HELP - wonderful but we relaxed and it turned on itself and us.

• with VISION ⇒ "It ain't all easy" buy it or don't.

Going DEEPER must be known

We don't want to become what we are criticizing!

Analogy

Issue Committee

• we buy into the medical model ⇒ we will not ever "fix it"

• "it" will never go away

• learning to live with "it" is where we discover life

"What will Jerry Lewis do?"

• danger of moving beyond and away from our reasons + vision for bringing.

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

- Who is going to be vigilant on watch?

- Need to periodically create ways & places to keep check on our vision

There is nothing that exists to talk about the struggle

Community isn't something which you go and find, it is something we create

- our present language he uncovers an underlying belief in "fix it"
 - not averse
 - model etc.

- Value - something which will create (personal) contact with one another
 - ? - what are they?
 - - how are they structured?
 - - what do they include?

- more needed

- US {
 - ① Pieces to gather
 - ② Internal - fast (fax) sharing
 - ③ Information for dissemination
- lay out ourselves

a Resistance Network!

a Network is different than a Circle

- my starting point

"I have a need to know what John O'Brien's article on PAIN is about?"

- How do I find out?

What are we going to do?

- bulletin board
- newsletter

more instantaneous communication

need both computer access & hard copy availability

Modem + Mail

- gathering $\Rightarrow$ teleconferencing (cheap)

- purpose to develop better vision of what TAYS is?

Pittsburgh $\Rightarrow$

Brainstorm
200 people to invite to be part of this network

- need details of name, centre, place for funds to channel.

- limited access bulletin board
- fast, short, choppy
- eg. O'Brien PAIU paper, address, contact.
- target group is organizers not broad distribution
- What are people reading? list
- like a newsletter
- channeled through Cdn. + U.S.A.

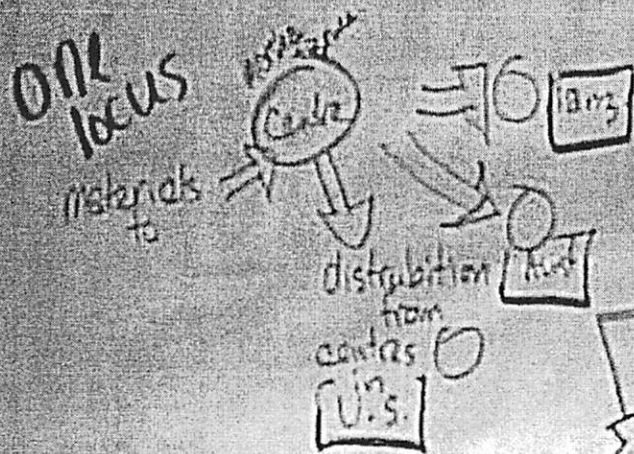
there is a lot of trash + male reptile publications - how do we sift?

Should there only be one centre?

- time is bigger issue than equipment + money
- Mailing address is problem (customs, print & A.V. materials)

⑨ Making address for accessing materials

but
one centre (eg Frontier)
with distribution addresses
in U.S., Australia, Tongania etc



• How do we seek answers from network?

• John O.B. - driven by questions
may ~~more~~ respond more, esp
if I know.

Will we
be inundated
by crap
or have
meaningful
conversations
develop

• Question ⇒ Who becomes editor board?

- limited access group for inputting
- larger group able to access info from (see board)
- dialogue/conversation/questions can branch out to (compliance)

• info ^{materials} initially to be sent to Marsha. ♥

- everyone to send materials
- identifiable group of people to attract members
- more likely to be involved if certain people are involved.

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Brainstorm Names

- LINC (Leadership in Inclusive Community)
- IN (Inclusion Network)

Pricing issues

- how much (What is reasonable?)
- who gets free. or how
- hard copy by mail
- Suggested 3 mo. trial (small group)
- cost testing.
- 100 name lists $\Rightarrow$ invitation to be part of network
- \$200? is trial fee. (risk taking)
- letter sent to members of group who then send to their 100 people.
- letter includes info on gatherings + newsletters or bulletin board.

• will trial costs be prohibitive



- software
- bugging
- staff time

- should people be added

Bob Perske
John McKnight
Herb Lovett



Sample



- Who have you talked
- What to see or heard
- best quote
- What events are happening
- funny story

Must be personal, funny
accessible.

2 issues

- must be in electronic + print.

① Frontier to put in some time to establish

- Bulletin board allows
 - Schedule feature - (trouble gathering)
 - discussion / question feature
 - What do we think about ...

What has to be done?

- Gathering $\Rightarrow$ Dec. ~~2~~ + 3 + 4 } 2 (graduate visits to schools)
(Get together) Toronto area

⑨ not to be separate from gatherings

⑩ All part of search to talk about vision of inclusion

Theme

Summary

- ① Frontier Board request to explore network exchange th in house capacity
- ② Marsha + Bruce to pass on invitation letter
- ③ Costing estimate to be prepared + what do people get for it
- ④ Bruce's question list answers to be returned
- ⑤ Bruce to compile example of what bulletin board is about
- ⑥ Marsha making contact
- ⑦ Bruce to keep bulletin board updated
- ⑧ Future to determine where inputs

② Dave • it to be part group.

John • changes we grapple with are so big - I'm grateful that we want to do something together - I'm glad we want to get together (excited)

Colleen • day divided into struggle with vision $\Rightarrow$ action

Don • felt good to be part of group struggling together

Judith • moved by the "gathering" to have "Aha" experience + opportunity to include those excluded

Jeff • comfortable to be here
• hospitality $\Rightarrow$ important to understand
• would have been good to spend time talking about what we are up to.
• look forward to "gatherings" for renewal

Peter • glad to hear Tracy + Tom
• many people I know + work with do not know this group + friends + friends
• with people to share
• grateful about future gatherings
• need to be significant about why we are here

Doug • great to be away from phones
always great to have these renewing gatherings (thanks Marshall)
Abraham + I have good chance to be together

Abraham • day integrates many things for me in my work + look forward to future didn't feel like stranger.

Pat • good for me to spend time hearing others express what I believe
• proud to be part of this group.
• grateful

Bob • glad to get John's AIN article
• goal to make new friend/mo - no need til 1990

Martha • powerful part being with Tom + Tracy
print legitimizes the vision $\Rightarrow$ gathering is birth of something unbelievable.
glad to be at it + time (a) ^{to be together} _{fruition}

Jack • great to break out last ten days - Tom + Tracy put in context.

Bruce • day brings strong things together
• I feel less alone even though I work here
• to be part of gathering ^{to get work done}