

Gary Bunch – Inclusion “Naming”

Ok – after a long delay – I had to send to England to get Mark to send back the photocopies of the photos I sent him.. so I could track the meeting.

Facts:

The meeting was held at Frontier College – In August 30, 1988

Attending:

Marsha Forest,
Jack Pearpoint
John O'Brien
Bruce Kappel
Dave Hasbury
Colleen Wieck
Jeff Strully
Judith Snow
Dohn Hoyl
Pat Worth
Doug Biklin
Abraham - friend of Doug's
Peter Clutterbuck
OR
Peter Dill
Bob Williams



Regrets:

Pat Worth
George Flynn
John McKnight
Bob Williams
Tom Kohler

At that meeting, we were largely focused on how to use new technology (then very new) to try and build and sustain a network of people interested/concerned about 'inclusion' – when money was going to be hard to get – so altho' face-to-face encounters were the preferred choice, the question was – what can we do – even on limited budgets to not be isolated – and to build the movement?

The idea that was adopted was to create an electronic 'bulletin board' – which would 'collect' useful information – AND synthesize a NEWSLETTER – which could be accessed by modem (e-mail) – or in print.

- * The major conclusions of the day were to move ahead and organize a 'Gathering' – (actually occurred in Toronto at McDonald's Training venue Dec. 2-4, 1988)
- * Decision to explore and experiment with a Bulletin Board information exchange system – with Marsha being the information collector, and Bruce to create the model board. Based at Frontier College to start.
- * People to collaborate to create an invitation list to new 'members'.
- * The THEME was we are all part of the search to talk about the **Vision Of Inclusion**

Possible Names:

Inclusion Network

LINC – Leadership for Inclusive Community

Agreed to add three names to core group:

Herb Lovett

Bob Perske

John McKnight

Note:

Tracy LeQuyere and Tom French from the HELP Program (of Frontier College) talked at the meeting – and made a deep impression on those present (reported in wrap up comments.)

Gary..

Without 'editing' – here is a very fast summary of the kinds of words and thoughts that were used in talking around and through Inclusion on Aug. 30, 1988....

The Vision of Inclusion....

Inclusion is a movement for social change

Inclusion is about sustaining the VISION

Inclusion is about discussing, the struggle, and making the pain of segregation public

Inclusion is about full lives – physical, emotional, spiritual

Inclusion is a resistance movement to the present cultural message of exclusion.

Inclusion is a channel to a network of resources

Inclusion is about ALL of us – no one excluded..

Inclusion is about LINKING to people – Sharing information

Inclusion is a dialogue about Vision

Inclusion is like 'the end of apartheid'

Inclusion is about connections between all people

Inclusion is about sharing information – best practices, best thinking..

Inclusion is another kind of Linkage

Inclusion is about VISION that gets past the pain and struggle of our daily lives.

Inclusion does not see disability – it sees gifts to be shared.

Inclusion makes the discussion of the struggle public

Inclusion is going deeper.. we don't want to become what we criticize

Inclusion does not buy into the medical "fix it" model for things that will never go away.

Inclusion is about learning to 'live with it'
Inclusion is where we discover life.
Inclusion is about being vigilant
Inclusion is about staying true to our Vision
Inclusion is about creating personal contacts with one another.
Inclusion is a resistance network
Inclusion is about information dissemination – beyond ourselves.
Inclusion is about gathering together
Inclusion is about Networks – which are different than circles
Inclusion is about developing a better vision of what inclusion is..
Inclusion is about being driven by questions – and seeking new answers
Inclusion is about doing something together
Inclusion is a Vision – with a commitment to struggle and action
Inclusion is about taking time to gather together.
Inclusion is about hospitality and renewal