

South & East Asia/Oceania Circle, June 20, 2006

In attendance:

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Absent:

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Opening round:

Liz:	Pleased to have hooked Chris through to the conference line.
John:	Hopes everyone will be able to tolerate poor audio connection.
Dorset:	Doing well. Happy to be here and to hear others' voices.
Ron:	Happy to hear Chris on the line. Has been feeling concerned for people living in Sri Lanka.
Chris:	Doing fine although situation in Sri Lanka is a little worse than previously.
Aniruddha:	Fine although only just got out of bed.

Administrative matters:

Agreement to start future meetings 30 minutes later in everyone's day – i.e. 1.30am GMT, 9.30am Singapore time, 11.30am Australia, etc.

The minutes from our previous meeting and present agenda were accepted by consent. John Buck agreed to facilitate today's meeting.

Content:

1) PARTIALITY GROUP

Dorset connected with Chris during the past month, mostly in order to ensure Chris' on-going participation – i.e. focused more on inclusion than on partiality. Asks to hear Chris' concerns/needs around the subject of partiality now.

Chris would like the group to focus its attention on contributing to needs of 'the weakest link'. Wants our Circle to hold an intention to focus attention in these areas and wants the network to be aware of what's happening in those areas.

Reactions:

Liz: Considers Sri Lanka and India to be least-resourced in our region. Will be happy to focus Circle attention on these two countries.

John: Would like to hear something specific.

Dorset: Would like to hear something specific.

Ron: Wants to hear what Chris means by 'intention', as well as how we intend to define what is 'the weakest link'. Doesn't want other countries to miss out.

Chris: 'Intention' isn't necessarily specific. Wasn't assuming Sri Lanka and India to be 'most in need'. Then we need to get specific, and establish criteria to define 'the weakest link'.

Aniruddha: Echoes Chris and needs time to sort out his own thoughts around this.

Strategy determined by consent:

This Circle expresses an intention to focus on areas of greatest need.

Chris will collate some information around what is currently happening in Sri Lanka and forward this to Liz, who will ensure it gets published.

Dorset will connect with other trainers in Australia and provide a report to Ron regarding NVC activities involving Aboriginal people.

2) RESOURCE AUDIT

Cate reported to Liz via email that she had received only one resource audit. Liz asked to hear from members in the Circle needs met through non-compliance with this strategy.

Reactions:

- Dorset: Didn't hear request for resource audit.
- Ron: Heard request and met a need for ease by focusing on other matters. Will appreciate some guidance as to what to include/not.
- Chris: Not excited about doing this. Not sure he knows how to. Dislikes the word 'audit'.
- Aniruddha: Resource audit doesn't excite him either.

Strategy determined by consent:

Liz will create a list of questions members can answer that might help us to recognise resources/contributions we might make to one another more easily, and will circulate this prior to our next meeting.

3) CNVC TO ACT AS 'FUNDING AGENCY'

Liz asked for quick reactions to her draft 'project description', which can be added to the project page at www.cnvc.org. In particular, she wanted reassurance about the name we might choose to give our group. John proposed 'South East Asia/Australia/Oceania'.

Reactions:

- Liz: Worried about adding the word 'East' which might exclude South Korea. Curious to know if the Australians would object to dropping 'Australia'.
- Dorset: OK with 'South East Asia/Australia/Oceania' and also OK to drop 'Australia'.
- Ron: Shares Liz's concern about 'East'. Also wants to hear ideas about changes that could be made to the map.
- Chris: The concept is fine – i.e. regional Circle made up of smaller Circles, South East Asia, India, Australia etc.
- Aniruddha: Concept is fine.
- Liz again: Suggests we ask CNVC to use a map where the Americas appear in the centre, allowing Oceania to become more visible.

Strategy determined by consent:

Liz will submit draft project description for inclusion at www.cnvc.org and request that CNVC creates an account where financial contributions can accumulate. She will also request an amendment to the map.

Further additions to the draft include:

- Training for future trainers to take place in India in July/August 2006
- Training for future trainers to take place in Sri Lanka by the end of 2007
- Sociocracy training to be delivered by teleclass, available by August 2006

John Buck also suggests some attention might be given to supporting representation in the Global Coordinating Circle, including financial support to help cover travel.

4) OTHER BUSINESS

Liz asked for quick reactions/ideas around a discussion during our next session about fund raising.

Quick reactions:

- Ron: Will gather information about New Zealand funding and report back next time.
- Chris: Wants to make funding for calls a priority, also a face-to-face meeting between members of this group. Raises funds locally to support his own projects.
- Aniruddha: Wants to make funding for calls a priority. Has no idea how to raise funds at this time.
- Dorset: Happy to imagine funds contributed to CNVC could be used to support activities in this region. Willing to offer his next training so that proceeds go towards this fund.
- Liz: Aims to make establishment of 'project' a priority, and looks forward to sharing further ideas during our next meeting.

Closing comments:

- Aniruddha: Values John's facilitation and support. Found this meeting 'productive'.
- Liz: Values John's facilitation and support. Found this meeting 'productive'.

John: Appreciating Aniruddha's mention of the Indian Caste System. Values the reminder why we choose to engage in this work. Disappointed with quality of telephone connection.

Dorset: Enjoyed facilitation, clarity and focus. Frustrated with sound.

Ron: Appreciating facilitation and focus. Pleased to 'meet' Aniruddha's voice for the first time.

Chris: Enjoyed connection and facilitation. Looking forward to teleclasses offered by John. Missed Katherine and Linda. Likes Liz's clarity. Touched by Ron's response to his needs.

Our call ended with a moment of silence and appreciation.

Next meeting will revert to last Tuesday of the month – i.e. Tuesday, 25th July – with a revised start time of 1.30am GMT (9.30am Singapore, 11.30am Australia etc.)