

South & East Asia/Oceania Circle, August 22nd, 2006

In attendance:

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X Liz Gay, Singapore	liz@nvcinbusiness.com
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Absent:

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Opening round:

Chris reported that he could hear shelling taking place in the next town as he participated in our call. Other members expressed concern around the proposed agenda, wanting to focus more attention on hearing Chris' report.

Administrative matters:

Our next meeting will take place on September 26th at 01.30 GMT. John Buck will be present to facilitate.

The minutes from our previous meeting were accepted by consent, and some amendments made to our agenda, specifically that we might address Cate's report first and bump the election of a Secretary to a future meeting. John Buck agreed to facilitate today's meeting and Liz Gay to act as note-taker.

Content:

1) APPRECIATION

Linda reported a desire for connection and transparency around a decision that she won't be offering NVC trainings in the future. This decision arises for her out of a need for **inner** congruence – she **has** wanted nvc training ~~this~~ to be her way of contributing towards a peaceful world and **yet after 18 months of process, finds it is currently not**. She ~~wishes meanwhile to expressed~~ her appreciation to everyone on the call **and for the vision of CNVC**.

Reactions:

- Cate: Appreciation to Linda for her contribution towards launching NVC in Australia. Feeling sad for 'the loss' and gaining some reassurance after hearing Linda wants to remain in contact with us.
- Liz: Appreciation to Linda for her sensitive handling of 'my occasional stropiness'. Sad for 'the loss' and reassured to hear Linda aims to 'stay in touch'.
- John: Suggests Linda might continue to participate in our calls to 'see where that puts you'.
- Dorset: Felt shocked and surprised in reaction to Linda's announcement. Has appreciated her contribution to NVC in Australia, especially towards the creation of a website. Feels scared when he imagines help and support may not be so 'available' in the future and, at the same time celebrates Linda 'taking care of her needs'.
- Chris: Feels sad even though he hasn't ever met Linda face-to-face. Considered her letter on the spiritual dimension of NVC 'precious'. Doesn't entirely understand what Linda is saying now. Appreciates her contributions to our calls.
- Jori: Feeling confused and wanting deeper connection with Linda.

Informal strategy:

Linda and Jori will connect via telephone another time. Linda will reflect some more and send us a note regarding a decision on future participation in calls.

2) UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES INVOLVING INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

Cate reports she has consulted with two (non-NVC?) people currently working with indigenous people in Australia. Suggests we need to 'translate' materials into 'non-standard English' – 'NVC as it is now isn't going to connect'. Also, cross-cultural training appears 'essential', and we will need a team to make anything happen. Cate is advised to 'leave it for now' and try to find people willing to take it up as a project.

Reactions:

- Linda: Some sadness upon hearing we might not have resources to move forwards and enjoying our on-going investigation.
- Liz: Not so overwhelmed. Celebrates that we do at least appear to have some human resources.
- John: Inspired to assist in creating necessary infrastructure.
- Dorset: Looks forward to moving forwards with help of 'people with one foot in each culture'.
- Cate: Encouraged to hear members still want to support this.
- Chris: Interested to notice NVC vocabulary 'is what makes the difference'. Wants to keep in touch with progress and translation.
- Jori: Struck by recurrence of same themes and 'how much more this is than language.

Informal strategies:

Cate will produce written description of her research to date. Liz will connect with Ron and circulate further information.

Note: After completing her report, Cate left our call to attend to other matters.

Strategy determined by consent:

Liz will endeavour to find by the end of 2006 somewhere to share dialogue and documentation. Other members of the group are happy to support her in this.

3) GCC PROGRESS REPORT

Liz shared her frustration and pain around an entity where other members do not appear to her to recognise the needs of the region she aims to represent. She questions her ability to perform in an environment where others seem to want to 'downgrade' the quality of our participation rather than support our wanting to participate fully, and where she doesn't know who S&EA/O can negotiate with.

In discussion with John and Jori, Liz realised members in the GCC might not have recognised the amount of financial contribution she meant to request it might make towards our cost of participation. Members in the GCC may have imagined they were meeting S&EA/O's needs and not that they were doubting our 'neediness'.

Reactions:

- Jori: Feels tender, hearing so much pain. Wants understanding 'we are in a difficult process in terms of trying to build the GCC'.
- Linda: Wants reassurance of global commitment.
- Dorset: Hears Linda's need for reassurance and Jori's need for understanding. Recognises 'not knowing' to be an uncomfortable place for everybody.
- Chris: Not a question of dollars and cents but of Liz knowing she is accepted and that 'we' are accepted. Wants Liz to remain in the GCC process. Happy for Jori and Liz to spend this time together.

Strategy determined by consent:

John will send a note to the GCC saying his recollection of events to try to get insight into what's happening.

4) UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES IN INDIA AND SRI LANKA

Chris reported a shortage of trainers who could share NVC in Tamil and Singhalese. He aims to develop a team of 20 to 30 people. Towards this end, he hopes to reserve scholarship disbursements for people working in countries such as Burma and Nepal. It would 'be good' to include these people at the Bali IIT (October 2007) and there is the Pune IIT in the meantime (December 2006).

Reactions:

- Jori: Aims to include organisers as well as project coordinators as part of the scholarship committee for IITs.
- Linda: Suggests inclusion of a representative from the regional circle. (This supports the committee in making decisions that are aligning with regional strategy; Jori likes this idea and advised that as her role determines scholarships, she is in a position to begin to do this.)
- Liz: Wonders if the Tamil population in Singapore could help with translation of materials and/or trainer development training.

Informal strategy:

Liz will connect with Chris to explore possibilities for cooperation.

Strategy determined by consent:

Formal request to the GCC that a nominated representative from the host region (could be any member in a Circle) be included in any scholarship committee.

5. ACTIONS DETERMINED BY CONSENT

Liz will liaise with Jori to firm up a ticket price.

John to email the GCC and request that it considers this other amount.

Region to endeavour to raise money through www.cnvc.org.

Liz to ask people at the regional gathering in Australia to contribute.

Closing comments:

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| John: | Instructive to notice how small things can have huge ramifications. Appreciates Jori's presence. Considers Linda's contributions 'very valuable'. Hopes for an agenda item to look at Circle membership. |
| Dorset: | Touched by exchange. Honoured to play a part in Governance, meeting needs for inclusion and understanding. Very grateful to other participants, especially Jori, Liz and Chris. |
| Jori: | Tired. Recognising that GCC meetings take place late at night for Liz. Recognising the importance of perspective. Renewed sense of hopefulness. |
| Linda: | Loves the strategy and structure of regional perspective and will consider continuing. Valuing Jori's presence in our meeting, and opportunities for honesty and sharing. Our circle benefits from this link. |
| Liz: | Grateful to Jori for her presence. Meaningful to hear Chris say he wants her to go to Atlanta. |

Our call ended with a moment of silence and appreciation.

Next meeting will take place on the fourth Tuesday of the month – i.e. Tuesday, 26th Septemer starting at 1.30am GMT (9.30am Singapore, 11.30am Australia etc.)