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July 11-16, 2009

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FACULTY Hosts

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
Alan Sloan - ALIA - Halifax, NS
Sheldon Schwitek - Kalamazoo, MI
Heather Simmons - Perth, Australia
Judith Snow – author, lecturer, citizenship organizer for people with disabilities
Erwin Wieringa - The Netherlands
and other guest hosts still to be announced.

FOR: Need Renewal? Need new connections? This is for people who choose to invest themselves in doing the hard work to build hope in challenging times. 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 ensemble who have a definite theme and a flair for improvisation - harmonizing with the participants.

WHERE: Pitman 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 could leave with a:

- ★ network of new colleagues and friends
- ★ knowledge, skills and tools for change
- ★ introduction to innovations in framing questions and facilitation of PATH & MAPS.★
- ★ introduction to Asset Based Community Development

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

- ★ renewed
- ★ refreshed &
- ★ re-energized to continue our work
- ★ **PATH & MAPS** are creative person-centred planning approaches that utilize graphic facilitation to understand and develop positive future plans. We teach **PATH & MAPS** in a three day workshop. The next **PATH & MAPS Course is scheduled for Sept. 28-Oct. 1, 2009 in Toronto** with John O'Brien, Jack Pearpoint & Lynda Kahn. For more details & registration visit: www.inclusion.com (click on workshops)
- ★ At the TSI09, we will be introducing the new framing of **PATH & MAPS** to bring into clearer focus the importance of the gifts of everyone in building stronger, healthier communities.

WHERE?

Pitman Hall, Ryerson University - Toronto
160 Mutual Street
Toronto, ON, Canada M5B 2M2 **416-979-5000**



Room Reservations:

Please use the attached Ryerson Room Registration form to get the benefit of the Conference Rate.

You are in charge of and responsible for booking your own accommodation. The residences at Ryerson University have pleasant new facilities right on campus. Please make your own reservation *as soon as possible*. There are two levels of residential rooms. Pitman Hall - college dorm style single rooms - \$55.00 (+10% tax); and the International Living Learning Centre (ILLC), hotel style \$89.00 (+10% tax). (Pitman weekly rate \$52/day; ILLC weekly rate \$64/day). To see the rooms on line: <http://www.ryerson.ca/conference/accommodations/index.html>

There are also a wide array of hotels in the immediate area. For an area hotel list, with special discounts for Ryerson conferences, contact Cathy Hollands at cathy@inclusion.com

Information:

The enrolment fee covers tuition, a Welcome Reception July 11; morning coffee, juice and muffins daily; a boxed lunch Sunday July 12, and the Community Celebration Barbeque Wednesday, July 15. The fee does not cover other meals. You are encouraged to experience Toronto.

Limited Enrollment

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FORMAT of the WEEK: (a work in progress)

Learning Marketplace: Beginning Monday, the Learning Marketplace begins. The Marketplace, a combination of host faculty sessions and Open Space, will be co-created Sunday afternoon to fit your skills and interests into a master format for the week. Bring topics and questions you are passionate about. The Marketplace will allow your contributions to flourish and you to be in charge of your own agenda. You will invent your own learning agenda!

Evening Sessions: daily/spontaneous - film, conversation, music, reflection, chances to connect.

Meals: unless otherwise specified, you are responsible for your own meal arrangements. There will be a Welcome Break morning coffee, muffins, juice daily; a box lunch Sunday, July 12; a community gathering and celebration BBQ Wednesday, July 15.

SATURDAY EVENING, JULY 11

7:00 p.m. - Saturday, July 11

Welcome and Registration Reception (not dinner)

Aboriginal Smudge Welcome Ceremony + World Cafe Community conversations

SUNDAY, JULY 12

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 Ideas That Matter: Short presentations by Institute Hosts.

Themes:

- Creating Opportunities in Difficult Times
- Community Organizing - Asset Based Community Development (ABCD)
- Leadership & Change
- Themes & Questions framed by Person-Centred Planning, including PATH, MAPS and Personal Futures Planning
- Inclusive Education
- Exploring Connections between Intention (Theory U), ABCD & Person Centred Planning
- Make a Difference.. and more...

3:00 - 5:00 Setting up & Creation of the Learning Marketplace! Follows Open Space ideas: designed by the participants & hosts. Small & large groups, tutorials, etc. Come prepared to share your gifts and talents. Bring your questions, passions, curiosities.

MONDAY JULY 13

9:00 a.m.: Community Reflections

The Learning Marketplace begins! - Learning Marketplace sessions and workshops continue until you choose to stop - mornings, afternoons and evenings...

TUESDAY JULY 14

9:00 a.m.: Community Reflections

10:30 The Learning Marketplace continues!

WEDNESDAY JULY 15

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 - Community Gathering & Celebration - Barbecue

THURSDAY JULY 16

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

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

HOW TO APPLY: Early Bird Rates: Before April 1st:

\$650/person; \$500/team person; Alumni Special \$550/person)

AFTER April 1st: \$700/person; \$550/team person; Alumni Special \$550/person)

Cheque, Purchase Order or Visa/MC 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. (Paying by credit card, please contact Cathy Hollands – 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 - \$550 per person. (Early Bird rate \$500/person for teams).

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Can I come to only part of the Institute? Sorry! It is an immersion experience. All or nothing at all. On occasion, there may be special event days, which may be open to the public.

Can I get a course outline? There will be a creative daily agenda. Your course outline emerges from your choices among sessions offered by host faculty and offerings in the learning marketplace.

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, youth leaders, health promotion people, family members, advocates, nurses, 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 learning on the edge. Join us and together we will build a better tomorrow.

If you still need information, Contact:

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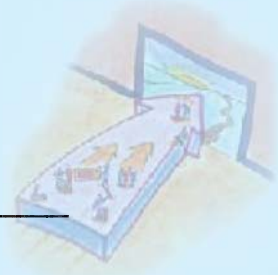
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YouTube Video clips...

We have posted a number of brief video clips from the Summer Institute 2008 - for your review and enjoyment.

Go to the Inclusion Press website, choose "Toronto YouTube Videos" under the Toronto Summer Institute:
<http://www.inclusion.com/inclusionnetwork.html>

What people say about the Institute:

"There were so many different things to go to, to learn from!"

"The 'The Seven Fires' presentation was so powerful and moving. Made me realise the need for recovery from effects of residential schooling and separation. And loss of culture."

"Being somewhere where you don't have to defend or apologise for your own views."

"Toronto is such a great place to hold it! I've loved it here – it's so friendly, and not just here at the institute."

"Sessions on different layers of friendship and the need to build honoured relationships between agency staff and communities."

"Camaraderie, openness and sharing. This openness was so different! Most conferences I go to are so structured opportunities for sharing with others on a deeper level."

"It's great learning about all the different things happening in different countries – and my own!"

"The focus on relationships within supporting community change. Changing from dormant routine relationships between communities and agencies to being revitalised and creative."

