

ADHOC MISSION STATEMENT

To provide Community-Building workshops to young offenders and the general public as a platform for healing the brokenness within society through interpersonal authentic dialogue and personal transformation.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES – LONG DESCRIPTION

This is an exciting opportunity to be a part of an authentic communication and peace-making process at the heart of our local community involving some young offenders from our community.

The Community - Building model is an experiential process whereby any group of people can find their way to being with each other in a truthful way, face their differences and transcend them, and find genuine love and respect for one another, irrespective of history and background.

We believe this can be an invaluable tool to help us create a different community in the wake of the recent riots, a community where every voice is heard and everyone matters. We are fortunate to have the support of the Youth Offender Services in Lambeth who are providing us with a group of young offenders who will go through the CB process in a series of workshops, at the end of which we will be holding a mixed workshop with the young offenders and members of the Brixton community - for this we will need volunteers from the general public to participate in a weekend workshop (Fri eve - Sun eve), probably sometime in May.

The only thing we need from you is a commitment to attend the whole 2 ½ days of the workshop, once the dates are confirmed.

We also need you to be aware that the process will feel challenging at times, and ask you to stick with it, and that every person is there for themselves and their own growth, not to heal or fix other people.

Just some of the things you will gain from it are

- An experience of deep care and respect for people you may never have any interaction with ordinarily and a strong sense of belonging, with them, to one human family
- The experience of speaking authentically and in the moment and have your truth be heard and received
- Feeling a deeper belonging to the community you live in
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You can read more about CB here:

<http://www.communitybuilding.co.uk/index.htm>

MAIN ACTIVITIES OF ORGANISATION:

This is a pioneering project using an established model called 'Community Building (according to M. Scott Peck)' in a new setting. We believe that the riots were but the symptom of a brokenness in our society that the whole of society must grapple with. Community Building (CB) offers a platform for such a process, where deep healing and reconciliation can occur across divisions and rifts. We are fortunate to have the support of the Youth Offender Services in Lambeth who are providing us with a group of young offenders who will go through the CB process in a series of workshops, at the end of which we will be holding a mixed workshop with the young offenders and members of the Brixton community - for this we will need volunteers from the general public to participate in a weekend workshop (Fri eve - Sun eve). We are currently self-financing, so cannot offer expenses, but the event will be by Lambeth Town Hall, so should incur minimal expenses for locals, and this is a fantastic opportunity to experience CB for free and be part of an exciting new application of it.

In brief, CB is a transformative group process of learning how to build trust and safety to lay down our defences and meet one another in authentic dialogue, to discover our shared humanity beyond all the things that appear to divide us. Participants discover that it is possible to truly be in community with - to experience deep care and respect for - people who they might not ordinarily have anything in common with. This is the prerequisite to becoming a functioning community who shares both the problems and joys of living together as a society.

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