

Community Consulting Partnership Newsletter

To: The Community Consulting Partnership Community

From: CCP Keepers of the Flame

Re: CCP Newsletter #1

This is the first issue of a quarterly newsletter designed to keep the community of CCP Alumni, Friends, and other interested parties up to date with CCP developments. In this and subsequent newsletters, we will address developments and changes we are making in CCP, the immediate past and future volunteer projects, and opportunities for CCP alumni to participate in CCP activities in ways that will deepen their learning about Organization Development and process consulting. If you do not wish to be on this mailing list, please respond to this email or send a request for removal to ccpseattle@gmail.com.

Without further ado, let's get started.

CCP Website

CCP launched a new website in May 2008. The new URL is: www.ccpseattle.org. We hope you will visit the website and give us any feedback that will help us make it even more useful to those seeking information on CCP.

Volunteers, Projects and Clients

The recently completed set of volunteer consulting projects (Feb-May 2008) marked the beginning of the 13th year of CCP's commitment to learning and service. 73 local, non-profit organizations have had more than 400 CCP volunteers working with them on organization development consultations since 1996.

The recently concluded winter/spring 2008 projects matched 20 volunteer consultants with three local non-profits including: the [People's Memorial Association](#), [Yesler Community Center](#), the [Northwest Ecobuilding Guild](#). We are presently assessing the impact of these projects with the client organizations and will use the feedback to further CCP's ability to mount successful projects in the future.

The next group of projects will begin in early September of this year. We are always looking for volunteers and welcome CCP alumni back for another experience. Also, we hope you will refer friends and colleagues who might be interested in becoming a CCP Volunteer. Please direct them to the new CCP website (www.ccpseattle.org) to read about being a volunteer and to fill out an application. An important note for applicants is that we frequently have more applicants than volunteer openings. We look to the volunteer's application date to determine who to invite to participate—first come, first served.

CCP is always on the lookout for client organizations. We would appreciate your assistance in this effort by encouraging non-profit leaders you know to check out our website and submit an application. The application submission triggers contact from CCP to discuss who we are, what we do, and answer questions the potential client may have.

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Keepers of the Flame

The core group at CCP that keeps things organized and running is known as the Keepers of the Flame. In 2006, with an eye towards sustainability, the Flame group decided to expand the group of six Flames to bring in new perspectives and youthful vigor, not to mention more menu options during the monthly Flame meeting potluck suppers.

Last year we invited four CCP Alumni to join the Keepers of the Flame. They are: Dara Ayres, Jenni Clark, Travis Green, and Sarah Murphy-Kangas. They are already pushing the Flame group to revisit some basic assumptions, expand our thinking about what is possible, and communicate more effectively with the CCP Community. And, we are happy to report that our potlucks are way better.

The Future of CCP

As a result of our reflections on CCP's mission, values, and services, we are actively exploring all sorts of possibilities for service and learning opportunities that go beyond the basic offering of teams working with client groups that you are all familiar with. Toward that end, we have surveyed past CCP participants on line, and invited team members from the most recent group of projects to come together to offer their views.

Four things have become clear to those of us who are Keepers of the Flame:

- We want to see new and expanded options
- We hope past volunteers will put forward proposals
- We want and need the involvement of people outside the Keepers of the Flame to not only propose ideas, but to take the initiative to implement those ideas
- We want to more conscientiously think of and build a CCP Community in order to strengthen our collective capacity to contribute skills and energy to benefit the local non-profit community.

Doing Your Part

If you would like to help CCP move towards a sustainable, vital future, please do the following:

- Keep us up-to-date on your email address. Send updates to: ccpseattle@gmail.com.
- Help us recruit volunteers and client organizations by talking to friends and colleagues and inviting them to visit our new website (www.ccpseattle.org.)
- Stay in touch with us—especially if you would like to get involved in initiating, implementing, or participating in any of our future scenarios.

Until our next newsletter, we hope you have a great summer!