

ACT CALL THURS. 10/31/13 11:00AM Eastern, 90 minutes Facilitator: ? Notetaker: ?

Agenda:

1. Check-ins
2. National Coordinator--update (Walda, Jackie)
3. Site selection update
4. NPC meeting 11/12/13
5. Working group updates
6. Other

Next ACT meeting 11/07/13

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On call: Jackie, Jen, Jerome, Walda, Rose, David, Shamako,

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1. Check-ins

2. National Coordinator--update (Jerome)

Shamako has been hired, paperwork is in process. He will start immediately//this is his first call as coordinator. Shamako: reported that he'll check in with Monica/Jerome/Jackie sub-team. before NPC meeting, will be contacting working group leads in the next week. Shamako wants phone #s of past leadership/coordinators.

3. Site selection update: Desire to have decision for next NPC call.

Had conference call this morning to discuss follow-up to the site meeting. The vision of the site team is that we're working with local anchors and LOC as a team; building collaborative approach compared with previous USSFs. SITE TEAM STILL NEEDS TO DEBRIEF.

Update: Norris Square Assoc. Is willing to host/ serve on LOC, doesn't have capacity to be on NPC meeting/calls. AFSC, willing to support. Not sure what it can do given its limited presence in Philly. Work building local organizing committee has been hampered by lack of a decision. One big question this discussion raises for ACT and NPC: What does it mean to have a polycentric social forum? Particularly--how many should we be expecting at central site? How should resources be distributed? How will we raise resources for polycentric spaces?

Need to talk with Philly team before NPC call to be sure about message.

Some concerns about capacity issues/ ability of Philly site to meet past scale of USSFs.

We need to make decision on next ACT call on what to recommend to NPC.

Rose: Reminds us that we need to have nuanced conversation here about the fact that we're introducing a social forum of a new type, that the organizing process is different from past USSFs. Jerome: vision is for a site with at least 10,000; making sure the anchors and LOC have capacity for that. A key concern is that disability rights group is an anchor, and we will need to be sure those they mobilize can have access to the space. Walda: Notes that the PMA process will be a big part of this. A substantial portion of the content will be based on work in PMAs. David: talked with National Lawyers Guild folks on land trusts/and possible uses of law to make use of vacant space. Asked AAU and others to join NPC to build the organizing structure/links between local and national decision making. Asked Galen Taylor to come on to NPC calls as PPEHRC rep.

Site team will bring a proposal to ACT on the next call.

4. NPC meeting agenda 11/12/13 (below: Jackie and Shamako will review/discuss)

5. Working group updates

Outreach/PMA: Monday 11/4 4pm Outreach call; PMAs on the 3rd Mondays at 4pm.

Jordan in Philly is on WG and will be helpful for local outreach in Philly if that's the site. PMA- SOA watch is getting involved; Tear down the Walls this weekend will have a more elaborated PMA; small scale one was done at World Court of Women in Philly. Looking towards 2014 Constitution Day --encouraging imagination about transforming system. Hip Hop tours aimed at education around PMAs.

Comms/Tech: Met with Movement Media Project and Prometheus Radio in Philly. Philly Cam in convo. Encouraging more tech /comms folks to join NPC & build capacity. Newsletter: Deadline soon--send info. Will have convo. On what a polycentric social forum looks like.

Newsletter will be issued after NPC call when we can include site announcement decision.

\*Communicating the USSF: Here's a story on the World Court of Women which mentions USSF link: <http://www.truth-out.org/news/item/19697-stories-of-the-disappeared-the-world-court-of-women-against-poverty>

Gender Justice: Next call Nov. 20.

Arts and Culture: Is there a statement on culture and cultural organizing?

There is a chapter in the edited collection by Carlton: <http://wiki.ussocialforum.net/images/e/>

ee/USSF\_Perspectives\_of\_a\_Movement\_Book.pdf

Also-see archived working group notes/etc. [http://wiki.ussocialforum.net/wiki/Program/Culture\\_WG](http://wiki.ussocialforum.net/wiki/Program/Culture_WG); Alice Lovelace

Outreach to labor groups? SEIU? -Jerome reports some local SEIU participation in Detroit- most labor groups have come in on at end of process and only where they see an advantage. Most effective strategy is to work with locals rather than national/internationals. Shamako should connect with Jerome to talk about this background.

Road to USSF3: Site report already made. Next call Nov. 17.

DAVID Noted that we need to lift up the PMA role in USSF 3 YES!

#### 6. Other

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DRAFT DRAFT Nov. 12 (noon) NPC MEETING DRAFT AGENDA: FACILITATOR:??

- 1) Check-ins
- 2) National coordinator (5 min.)
- 3) Welcome new NPC members (5 min)
- 4) Site Selection Recommendation and Discussion (XX min.)

NOTE: What is a polycentric USSF; Role of PMAs; USSF3 is 'of a new type'-need to be clear in our messaging. This one is different.

- 5) Proposal for approval: Statement on support for NPC member activities (Monica)
- 6) Working group reports (list, 30 min)
  - Outreach (Jerome)
  - Road to USSF-3 (Walda)
  - Resource Development (David)
  - Communications-Technology (Alfredo or Jackie)
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