

Also, I want to state for the record that the amount of time which I have thus far dedicated to this one proposal, among others, is absolutely nothing compared to the amount of time I witnessed peace activists over months and months devote and volunteer for free in various peace activist projects, only to see those projects fall apart as a direct result of unequal sweat equity. If you are devoted to creating a world of peace, please join us by creating personal summaries.

Thank you for your consideration.

Love for the people,

A Better World Is Within Reach Peace Network

Networking for Peace Multicultural Cohousing Resource Neighborhood

If you submit your email address, you will be included on the personal summary email list. Personal summaries are very flexible. A Personal Summary can simply consist of a description of the meeting. Or, it could consist of a description of what you have done in the last two weeks to help the group get closer to creating The Networking for Peace Multicultural Cohousing Resource Neighborhood. Or, it could consist of a story that you read in a book, zine, magazine or a newspaper. (However, for copyright reasons we ask that you paraphrase the story in your own words and make certain that it is not longer than 1000 words. In addition, please give credit to the author of the story).

Thank you very much and remember: Together, we are Networking for Peace!

Together, A Better World Is Within Reach!

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In closing, as we are a multicultural group, with an emphasis on diversity, it is worth noting that Multicultural communicative democracy is being used for many reasons. One of these reasons is that it has several distinguishing features, which would limit the lack of participation by those in the minority. In Young’s book, “Communication and the Other: Beyond Deliberative Democracy”, she encourages people to use greetings, which would make people feel more comfortable in participating.

Young notes that greetings “bring people together warmly, seeing conditions for amicability: smiles, handshakes, hugs, the giving and taking of food and drink.”¹

Our practice of communicative democracy is why we request that every member bring some type of food item to our once a month Networking for Peace meetings.



We ask that each member please purchase and bring food or drink to the meeting. This helps every meeting to be more like a potluck made of light snacks, rather

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than a very formal, and rigid office meeting. Because of the diverse eating habits of our group members, it is recommended that every member simply bring enough fruits or vegetables as a snack for 5-8 people. You can also choose to bring a light vegan snack or vegetarian snack for 5-8 people. Bringing food to meetings, to share as a gift with the group, actually helps the communicative process while breaking the expense of one person providing the entire group with food and then collecting a 'food fee' as is common in many activist groups.

The following paragraph details how important sharing stories can be:

Second, [Young] proposes including rhetoric, which would connect people's emotions to the speaker and make the discussion less boring.** Finally, she proposes including storytelling. This is the most important of the three ways to include minorities in the discourse, because it is something everyone can participate in.*** Young notes, allowing people to tell stories of their own personal experience, not only encourages participation, but encourages those in the majority to see a multiplicity of perspectives. "Narrative also contributes to political argument by the social knowledge it offers of how social segments view one another's actions and what are the likely effects of policies and actions on people in different social locations."**** Thus, Young's proposal adds greater depth to the possibility for a truly participatory democracy.¹



The Storyteller
PaleoIndian camp scene
By Martin Pate

When writing your personal summaries, please understand that your writing may include personal stories instead of, or in addition to any of the following:

- Descriptions of the meeting you attended
- Descriptions of how you have worked to help create The Networking for Peace Multicultural Cohousing Resource Neighborhood.
- Descriptions of how you have read and studied books, magazines or websites which taught you more about peace, cohousing, diversity and any other topics that you choose.
- Personal descriptions of your life, your triumphs, moments of celebrations, moments of sorrow, your heartbreaks and your hope for a better world.

1 A Critique of Consensus: Zoe Mitchell <http://www.zoemitchell.com/thesis.pdf>

*Iris Marion Young, "Communication and the Other: Beyond Deliberative Democracy," in *Democracy and Difference*, pg. 129.

**Ibid.

***Ibid., pg 132

****Ibid.



Below is a sample of a personal summary with 391 words:

On **Monday, March 14, 2003** we had a two-hour meeting from 1pm-3pm at the group.

On **Tuesday, March 15, 2003** or Wednesday March 16, Miguel, Patricia and I began talking about the

Networking for Peace when the cafe was packed and we didn't leave until we were the last ones there and the chairs were up and the café was closed.

On **Thursday, March 17** Patricia and I began talking about the Networking for Peace when the cafe was mostly packed and we didn't leave until we were the last ones there, the chairs were up and the café was closed. I pulled out part one of four for this draft, and Patricia pulled out a piece of paper with her thoughts in tiny print and it filled both sides of the paper. I asked, "How many hours did you spend on that?" She said "5 or 6." She also pulled out the 3-page budget for 2004-2005 in which she had devoted research time.

On the afternoon of **Friday, March 18** I began writing my rough draft for the fundraiser idea. I printed out the draft for the grant, the draft for this proposal, and several lists of prices.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Notice in the below paragraph how the writer shares with the reader the small, but significant sacrifices. What our group lacks in wealth, we will make up with heartfelt honesty, sacrifice and dedication to our mission of peace. This is how we will create a multicultural peace movement.

Saturday, March 18 I used some change to travel on Trimet 45 minutes to go to a place that I know will let me use a computer to further edit these proposals and make unlimited free print outs without scrutiny, time limits or harassment. I then used some change to get back home.

I have been receiving emails and replying to emails throughout all of these days but I don't want to list all of the emails. But because the time devoted to emails by a volunteer is significant I want to give you a sample of one day:

On **Monday, March 28**, at 10:30am I noticed only 4 new emails and replied to them. Between 10:30am and 4pm, while trying to write the proposals in a separate window, on that same day I received 14 new emails and I replied to each one with a reply of 2 lines to 2 pages each at a typing speed of less than 45 words per minute. Those 18 emails were from Catherine, Patricia, Donald, James, Jessica and Yenta. Each one sending me a minimum of 2 emails and each receiving a reply.

Artist #: 44332

IMPORTANT NOTE: Notice in the below paragraph how the writer express a disagreement and expresses conflict but does not name any particular members. In the personal summaries, if you have a conflict or a disagreement, please do not name anyone's name. This is to prevent the personal summaries from being used to facilitate personal attacks, even if it is done accidentally.

Below is another sample of a personal summary with 137 words. It is entirely fictional.

The meeting was great. I heard some things that I did not agree with. Cohousing is supposed to be about creating a home with all our input. But when I made the suggestion that all walls should be made of transparent, plastic glass, it was not too popular. At our last monthly meeting I suggested that we all

vote on the idea of the entire neighborhood being built with 100% transparent, plastic glass walls. This week we voted on it and I was the only one who voted “yes” to have 100% transparent, plastic glass walls. One member even said it was an idea that put everyone’s safety and privacy at risk. I think someday people will make homes out of all transparent, plastic glass, because it will create an environment of knocking down ‘walls’ between us.



Artist #: 11235

Below is another sample of a personal summary with 101 words. It is entirely fictional.

I was walking down the street the other day and noticed something unusual. It was a letter. I picked it up off the ground and discovered that it was from a girlfriend to another friend. She wanted to thank her friend for being such a good friend to her during rough times in life. It was very inspiring to me. It filled me with a sense of hope and appreciation for some reason. There are so many things to think about in life, that it feels good to me to just take time out and appreciate the little things in life.

Artist #: 11245

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Recommended Reading:

CoHousing: A Contemporary Approach to Housing Ourselves -Kathryn McCamant and Charles Durrett, with Ellen Hertzman, 2nd edition

Creating a Life Together: Practical Tools to Grow Ecovillages and Intentional Communities by Diana Leafe Christian

The Cohousing Handbook : Building a Place for Community - by Chris ScottHanson, Kelly ScottHanson

The below magazine is available in many large bookstores.

Communities Magazine: Fellowship for Intentional Community - Editor: Diana Leafe Christian

To find out when and where the next monthly meeting s held please visit our website:

<http://www.Abwwrpeace.org> or visit The Networking for Peace webpage at

<http://www.freewebs.com/abwwrpeace/networkingforpeacemulticulturalcohousing.html>

Guidelines for the personal summary (that you are now reading) are in 14 (or 15) pages on the pdf files on the below links.

<http://www.freewebs.com/abwwrpeace/1/pdfSweatEquityPersonalSummariesPage1-4.pdf>

<http://www.freewebs.com/abwwrpeace/1/pdfSweatEquityPersonalSummariesPage5-8pt.pdf>

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<http://www.freewebs.com/abwwrpeace/1/pdfSweatEquityPersonalSummariesPage9-14.pdf>

We invite anyone and everyone to attend. Below is a ‘snapshot of our website.’

A Better World Is Within Reach -

People's Empowerment And Collective Exchange
(P.E.A.C.E.) Network



NAVIGATION
2005 press release
Volunteers Needed
Printable Flyers
Ideas In Progress
Photos
Newsflash!
Upcoming Meetings in 2005: Free, Open to the Public
Multinational Corporate profiles, Page 1
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Cohousing Resources
What is cohousing?
Global network of people who share cohousing ideas, contacts, discussions, questions, blueprints, photos, articles, booklists, reports & project plans.
Cohousing Site Plans

Thank you for visiting the website of A Better World Is Within Reach - PEACE Network.

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Next Public Meetings

Location, Date and time of meetings are found by clicking on [this link](#).

Demonstrate For Peace, But Pay For Wars And Multinational Corporations to destroy your families, the planet and social justice! Is your money being spent in accordance with your priorities? When you give someone money, can you prevent it from being spent at Walmart? Nike? McDonalds? Donations to politicians? Diebold? Safeway? Halliburton? Inamed? Merrill Lynch? CLEAR CHANNEL? Learn how! [Three pages of Corporate Profiles are found in the left hand column.] The Portland Community of A Better World Is Within Reach P.E.A.C.E. Network will present a free public workshop concerning creating an alternative, nationwide currency, based on IthacaHours. The action currency, the people's currency: PeaceNotes! The new way to ensure multinational corporations don't profit from your money! Vegan Refreshments served free.. Info: ABWWR PeaceNetwork-, <http://www.abwwrpeace.org>

Free.

If you think you have two hours per year to help create a nationwide, alternative currency system, we invite you to join us and become a cofounder! Light refreshments served.

No reservations needed.

Second Event: The following network of peace communities meeting will be:

Location, Date and time of meetings are found by clicking on [this link](#). Light Refreshments served free of charge.

Live And Work For Peace! Would you like to live, work and promote peace among people who are working for peace? Would you like to network in ways that form real community? In ways that form a level of solidarity that hasn't been seen in Portland since the days when teepees were the only skyscrapers against unpolluted blue skies and swaying emerald fields? Learn how! The Portland Community of A Better World Is Within Reach P.E.A.C.E. Network will present a free public workshop. Hope to see you!

