

Questions in the Chat Log – Webinar #1

Administrative Items

- Request for email contact information of those present, along with social media links to their organizations
- Availability of slides and recording – promised to attendees within one week
- Is there a document with the "Sections" and activities June mentions? (Luis Camargo from Bogota)
- Is anyone going to the C&NN conference in St, Paul, MN??? Maybe we could find time to meet-up and share ideas? (Jennifer Howell from Anchorage, AK)

Program-Related Questions

- How do we help parents understand that getting kids outside is healthier and safer than getting them smartphones? (Andy Weisser from Woodland Hills, CA)
- Submit specific successful events to C&NN to compile and share with this group and post on its website (Andy Weisser from Woodland Hills, CA)
- Is there an existing communication network for Children in Nature? (Sylvia Matiko from Franklin, TN)
- I'm interested in knowing if anyone has had success integrating children's nature activities to include multi-generational components (Penelope Wunsch from Grand Cayman)
- Here is a great resource for info and learning paths mytyo.org (Werner Barz from Shepherdstown, WV)

Network-Related Questions

Metrics

- How do you know if your Network is having a positive impact? (Judith Kahn from Minneapolis, MN)
- I'm struggling with what metrics to use to measure success with a network approach (Jennifer Howell from Anchorage, AK)
- Getting partners in the network to take action.....lots of talk and ideas but only one group actually does any work and completes deliverables (Chelsea Chandler from Longview, WA)
- Can you suggest the best link for Facebook Tracking so we can use that tool at an upcoming meeting (Sharon Negri from Berkeley, CA)

Communication

- How do you ensure the communication flow? We experience lots of groups doing things but not communicating (Kate Mason from Baxenden, Accrington, Lancashire)
- We are involved in many networks and I think the most difficult part is getting people to come to meetings and - of course - communicate. A lot of us are convinced our mission is important

but I feel like in the day to day work, sometimes the priorities change fast! Hope you understand what I mean! (Melissa Greene from Montreal, Quebec)

- How do you find time for all involved to communicate? We find we are all so busy that we lack time to communicate with each other on a regular basis. (Deanna Fahey from Old Town, ME)
- Convening hundreds of people in a meaningful way, from lots of different geographic location is a huge challenge for us (Kate Le Souef from Vancouver, British Columbia)
- I know it was asked earlier but I wanted to emphasize a need to tools that help develop networks for remote individuals. Current budgets do not allow for NPS folks to travel to the extent that we would like when it comes to developing networks, learning how to do it remotely and with success would be fabulous (Miranda Stuart from Crawfordville, FL)

Design

- What's a good way to move a network that is pretty firmly hub and spoke to a more distributed leadership network? (Cathy Jordan from Saint Paul, MN)
- While one of the essential aspects of an International Social Network is a Decentralized Core, it strikes me that there still needs to be some coordinating group or person or agency? Yes? (Judith Kahn from Minneapolis, MN)
- My question is how to have multiple people work on issues while still preserving the integrity of the mission and quality of work (Mara Mintzer from Boulder, CO)
- How do you ensure the sustainability of the network – funders want to see collective action with measurable change in behaviors. I have funding for staff support for one more year and need to point to some successes that are tangible without doing a bunch of events. Any ideas? (Jennifer Howell from Anchorage, AK)
- I find I'm involved in too many networks and feel overwhelmed – anyone else feel this way? My whole day could be taken up with networking (Mara Mintzer from Boulder, CO)
- Our leadership team has been most effective (as a group) at Network Facilitating. We could use more practice in Network Connecting (Marilyn Wyzga from Hancock, NH)
- [B]ut on occasion you find a volunteer who is an initiator who will coordinate and lead (and you don't have to supervise!! (Lyda Salatian from BC)
- We seem to do small acts as she says - but it's hard to get it to a larger scale, yet still create content (Nature's Theater has outdoor walking stories available for groups to run to engage kids in Nature, and open their imaginations.) (Jeff Falyn)

Crowd-Sourced Solutions in Chat

- Identify the most compelling topics in your area and engage/activate people based on that passion (Andy Weisser from Woodland Hills, CA)
- I think one of the ways to be use this model is to actually do less! Slow down, listen, give ourselves time to react. Less is more (Jenn Kane from Boonsboro, MD)
- Our community is facilitating local "TedTalks" to share ideas....a great way to give folks 10 minutes to share their ideas (Jane Tesner Kleiner from Vancouver, Washington)