

DSF Aims & Objects project

At the last Council meeting we agreed to three major projects: Disability Sunday resources project, Spiritual Resource Project and the Aims and Objects project. This is a giant leap forward as we move from infrastructure building within the DSF Network to further defining what our Aims and Objects are and then seeing what resources we have to be able to make progress on achieving them.

It really feels like we are in the process of blossoming, after a long winter where we have been setting the ground-work, now we are about to embark on the “doing the business”

First Steps:

First of all we need to put the list of Aims and Objects from our Network Visioning process into rough order of importance. The list I have with me puts all the items that are currently being worked on at the top – and those items notes and resources are the ones with white text on a grey background.

The rest of the items underneath have notes, usually questions we need to answer and in the right most column indications to existing or potential resources. These need to be considered and sorted into some sort of importance.

Organisation:

As our project meetings are bi-monthly we will need to do some out-of-meeting thinking on the questions raised.

I mentioned a moderator for the meetings, someone to help us stay on track – does anyone know of a retired person who may like to do this? If not then we will need to elect someone from within our group.

We also need a coordinator who will oversee and organise things like the meeting place, send meeting reminders, documenting the results of our discussions.

Once we have a list of work we can start on one or two items at a time and try and clearly define them and break them down into manageable tasks.

After we have one or two we can ask not just our members but all the people on the membership list who have email if they would like to contribute such things as: definitions, clarifications, ideas, stories, pointers to resources, people they know that may be interested, etc.

As you will see there are several resources that keep cropping up all the time – like the contacts database – this is one item that is used in multiple different areas as we try and communicate and “network” with others. If we can get some traction on this it will help in a multitude of places. Web site – already I have been putting information on Disability Sunday on it that I have received from Vicki.

The other is the Spiritual Resources Project, this will have a big impact on many areas that we have an interest in.