

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in Turning the Tide's 2009 training course, 'Nonviolence for a Change.' Turning the Tide has been training and helping activist groups develop their facilitation and group process methods for 15 years. In 2007 we delivered a year-long series of workshops on nonviolent social change methods and practices, which could be attended as a whole course, or dipped into on a session-by-session basis.

We have just finished an evaluation of the 2007 course and a bit of re-design work (keeping the good stuff, adding in new ideas and improving on the odd bits that were shaky) and we are ready to run the course again. The 2007 course was heavily oversubscribed, and we anticipate a similar response for the 2009 course. So get in touch as soon as you can if you'd like to participate either in the whole course or particular workshops.

Year-group or one-day participant

You can participate as a member of the year-group or you can come along to only those sessions which interest you (one-day participants). **If you are interested in the year-group you should submit an applications by 12 December 2008. If you are interested only in certain workshops, then get in touch to put your name on the one-day list as soon as possible.**

Selection Process

We aim to notify successful applicants for the year-long course by 18 December.

People interested in participating in particular workshops as a one-day event should get in touch with the Turning the Tide office to register interest. We'll be in touch in good time before the workshop to confirm that you are still interested, able to come and take care of some administrative business. People interested in attending January and February 2009 as one-day participants should get in touch as soon as possible.

We know that the participative way we work is of most value to smaller groups (15 to 25 people), for this reason places are limited. We welcome one-day participants, valuing the fresh perspective and networking opportunities they bring to the group. We anticipate that the year-group will be in the majority with a handful of spaces reserved for one-day participants.

The course will focus on maximising the effectiveness of activists and is most suited for people who have experience campaigning on social issues with other people. We strongly

believe in the wisdom of the group and greatly value learning from each other. For this reason we aim to have a wide range of experiences in the group, from new-comer to more experienced activists. This is why we ask people interested in the year-long course to complete an application form and ask one-day participants a few questions about their experience and interests. Social change happens by connecting people, ideas and action, and your amount of activist experience is not as important as your skill and potential as a multiplier -- someone who goes out and connects yet more people, ideas and actions.

Participation

Year-group participants commit to coming to all 11 meetings, which include two residential weekends. We know though that life does change and things go haywire sometimes, so let us as know as soon as you do if you can't make a session. Similarly so for one-day participants, if your circumstances change, please let us know as soon as you can so that we can give your space to another person on the one-day waiting list.

Fees

The cost of the course is £250 for year-group participants, concessions and payment plans are available. If paying for the course in one advance lump sum a discounted fee of £220 is available. We are also offering a three-part payment plan with £100 dues prior to January's session; £75 prior to April and £75 prior to September. Please don't let fees prevent you from participating, ask the TTT office about concessions.

Cost of one-day workshops is £25, concessions also available. We prefer you to pay prior to the workshop.

If you'd like to discuss any aspect of the course or coming along as a one-day participant, please get in touch with Denise or Steve.

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