Facilitating a New Story with People and Communities

A *New Story* is emerging across Canada. Part of this story involves the creation of individualized supports and strengthening communities through the presence and participation of all citizens.

Come and join us to learn and practice how to facilitate the *New Story* with people who need and want support to participate.

By understanding facilitation and the development of skills, we will learn about:

- Building relationships
- Creating support networks
- Connecting with community
- Planning for a good life
- Participation and contribution
- Communities of practice.

John Lord and Charlotte Dingwall's approach to training recognizes that all of us can benefit from the skills of listening, planning, networking, group work, collaboration, and negotiation, the essence of facilitation.

About the Facilitators

John Lord is a researcher, parent, and author. For almost 30 years, he has used research, education, and facilitation to create positive change in human services and communities.

Charlotte Dingwall is a facilitator, circle member, and author with more that twenty years of experience. She has provided facilitation training to people from many walks of life.

Learning a New Story

Facilitators John Lord and Charlotte Dingwall will lead us through this informative two days. Participants can expect to learn principles and skills in order to begin to facilitate the *New Story* in their community.

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Facilitation Leadership Workshop

Building a New Story

An Opportunity to Learn and Participate

May 6 & 7, 2009

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What participants can expect at the training

- → Knowledgeable leaders who will inspire you to learn
- → **Useful information** on facilitating the New Story
- Meaningful experience, stimulating presentations, and reflective dialogue
- → *Practical tools*, strategies, and techniques.

People who have experienced facilitation

- → enjoy a better quality of life
- → increase the number of relationships they have
- → create a life of their own choosing
- → learn to direct their own lives
- → participate and contribute in community life.

Building a New Story

Day 1, May 6, 9:30-4:30 pm

Values and Principles -selfdetermination and community

Understanding facilitation

Building on dreams, gifts and strengths

Personal planning

Day 2, May 7, 9:30-4:00 pm

Asking meaningful questions and guiding dialogue

The power of listening and observing

Building community and relationships

Techniques, strategies and problem-solving

John and Charlotte are leaders of the Facilitation Leadership Group www.facilitationleadership.com

Registration Form

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Registration Deadline: May 1, 2009

Location- Unitarian Fellowship Church, 557 Clarke Rd London (west side between Oxford and Dundas) There is free parking in the back of the church.

Lunch will be provided