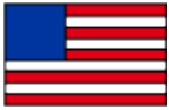




The NEIGHBORHOODS NETWORK

TASK FORCES

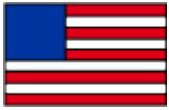


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OVERVIEW

1. Do the nitty-gritty work specified by the neighborhood
2. Responsible only to the neighborhood
3. Given a “charter,” the task to be performed
4. Composed of volunteers
5. TF members choose a lead and co-lead
6. Use “6 Hats” technique
7. Report progress to the gm and the NIN
8. Results archived



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NITTY-GRITTY

1. Do the nitty-gritty work specified by the neighborhood
2. General Meetings good for discovering neighborhood concerns and priorities – not for doing detailed work!
3. Task Forces needed to carry out the investigative missions and the action mandates of the neighborhood.
4. Kept under control of the neighborhood.
5. But neighborhoods can collaborate using shared task forces to accomplish difficult tasks.



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LIKELY TASKS

1. Polling the neighborhood for issues and consensus
2. Creating and Maintaining the NIN
3. Investigating the purpose, budgets and performance of departments of government
4. Identifying local issues and investigating them in detail
5. Characterizing the offices of government.
6. Generating mandates for legislatures and executives
7. Identifying potential candidates for office and getting them elected

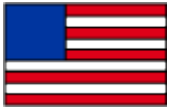


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RESPONSIBLE TO

1. Responsible only to the neighborhood (or collaborating cluster of them).
2. No authority over the neighborhood is to be given to task forces.
3. Task forces have scope and duration determined by the neighborhood or collaborating cluster of neighborhoods.
4. Neighborhoods monitor their task forces.
5. Task forces are terminated by the general meeting whenever the neighborhoods so decide.

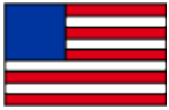


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CHARTERS

1. Produced by the general meeting prior to creating the task force.
2. ‘Temporary’ TF may formulate a charter for a task force. The general meeting must approve.
3. Specifies why the task force is being created.
4. States what is expected – both generally and via a list of anticipated results.
5. Gives an expected time-frame for the results.
6. Indicates the resources to be used.

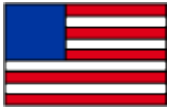


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VOLUNTEERS

1. Task forces composed of volunteers
2. Interest in the topic is the principle requirement.
3. Experts teach novices
4. Most neighborhood members will occasionally volunteer for one or more TFs
5. Participants gain detective and organizing ability
6. Additional plus - participants learn the 'real facts' and connect with 'reality.' We become free of propaganda



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CHOOSE LEAD & CO-LEAD

1. TF members choose a lead and co-lead.
2. Team members can rotate these as they please.
3. These leads co-ordinate the work of the team.
4. They conduct and moderate the periodic meeting of the task force.
5. They present the force's reports to the general assembly.

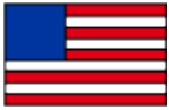


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USE “6 HATS”

1. Use “Six Thinking Hats” technique.
2. This is described in Ed De Bono’s book. (Also we have a slide presentation adopting Ed’s ideas for our use.)
3. Uses colored hats (white, red, black, yellow, green, blue) to symbolize modes of thinking/discussion useful in producing results.
4. A team shifts hats to work more effectively.

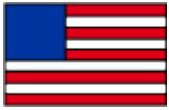


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REPORT PROGRESS

1. Progress, problems, and results posted to the NIN.
2. Lead or co-lead normally reports to the general meeting.
3. Reports must be 'real facts,' not fluff.
4. Teams must expect their results to be compared to that of other, similar, teams chartered by other neighborhoods.



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GET APPROVAL

1. Results submitted to the general meeting.
2. The General Assembly can request modifications, further investigation, etc.
3. When the assembly is satisfied, the task force's product is approved and archived.



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ARCHIVE RESULTS

1. Results archived into the NIN.
2. Results likely lead to further activity which will be chartered and handed to (possibly) another task force.
3. Archived investigative results publicly available. Other neighborhoods (or clusters) use these to check against similarly chartered task forces for accuracy and completeness.
4. Techniques for investigation, and experience gained, become available to improve future efforts.



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IMPORTANT FURTHER RESULTS

1. Since the effort is sponsored and monitored by the neighborhood it is more likely to be trusted.
2. Work may be cross-checked through similar work in other neighborhoods.
3. Supporting evidence is included.
4. Lack of special interest bias.
5. Task Forces can be chartered to examine the work of collections of Task Forces.



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END of PRESENTATION