

The Barefoot Guide

www.barefootguide.org/

The Barefoot Guide to Working with Organisations and Social Change is an excellent resource!

It is “*a practical, do-it-yourself guide for leaders and facilitators wanting to help organisations to function and to develop in more healthy, human and effective ways as they strive to make their contributions to a more humane society*”.

In it you'll find a wealth of information about dealing with change processes and how to help people through them. The full list of contents is at:



www.barefootguide.org/contents-guide.htm

In addition to the Barefoot Guide, which is freely available for download and distribution, the website has a large number of additional resources to supplement the material in the guide itself.

Well worth visiting!

(Thanks to Shawn Callahan on Facebook for this resource)

Etherpad

<http://etherpad.com>

Here's a great online tool for anyone who wants to collaborate with others on a document.

It's a web-based word processor that works in 'real time'. A number of people can be working on the document at once. Any change anyone makes is immediately seen on the screen. Edits by different folk are colour-coded, so you can see who has changed what – though there may be some confusion if more than 8 people are working on a document. There are only an 8 colours at the moment. ☺

Usage is free for the 'public pads'. Or you can create a team site in order to keep track of pads and share them privately within your team. With the team sites, the first 3 user accounts are free. After that, it costs \$8 per user per month.

There's more information about pricing options at:

<http://etherpad.com/ep/about/pricing>

Though there's no security on the 'public' pads, so that service would not be appropriate for highly confidential documents, each pad you create is given a unique URL, so people do need to know the address to be able to find it easily.

We have used it ourselves to work on the copy for our website, flyers and brochures we produced – it's very user-friendly and much quicker than emailing files back and forth!

Kids Are Heroes

www.kidsareheroes.com/index.html

This is a wonderful website that highlights the amazing things that children and young people are doing to make their world – and this world – a better place.

You'll find a great range of stories, videos, tips and resources here for children, parents and teachers.

Kids are indeed heroes and each one has the power to

change the world. The Kids Are Heroes™ web site is dedicated to them.

And the creator of this terrific website?

It's MaryMargaret O'Neill, who is only 10 years old! With some help from her dad in setting up the website... ☺

Now that's a truly inspiring story!

(Thanks to Gabe O'Neill on Twitter for this link)



Intergenerational Conversations



www.positivechangechore.org

Visit this site to download an article by Dr. Marge Schiller PhD., founder of Positive Change Core (PCC).

In her article, Marge talks about the benefits of creating space for intergenerational conversations and explains

two of the foundational principles of PCC:

1. Don't do anything about me without me
2. Maximum mix is magic

She shares some thoughts on how to proceed and suggests three phases for maximum success in such a gathering.

Schools and youth are agents of benefit for their communities and the world. They are the future. Sustainability of that future depends on human beings, young and old meeting our responsibility as stewards of the earth.
(Dr. Marge Schiller, PhD.)

Amazing Art

www.flickr.com/photos/iri5/

This site has photos of some amazing art work by Erika Iris Simmons. In her own words:

I am an artist who specializes in using non traditional media... old books, cassettes, playing cards, magazines, credit cards... whatever I can find.

It feels great to work with strange, older materials. Things that have a mind of their own. Most everything I use has been thrown away or donated at some point. Past its prime, like some of the finest things in the world. ☺

Erika's website is at www.iri5.com where, you'll also find information about her and her work.

Her portraits of people – including man of the rich and famous – made from old film, cassette tapes and other found materials are just stunning!

Enjoy .. :)

(Thanks to Pierre Fontenelle for this link)



SchoolRack

www.schoolrack.com/

This is a very useful resource for teachers!

Launched in November 2003, SchoolRack provides a free service for K-12 teachers and faculty to create a classroom website and share information online with students and parents. By encouraging collaboration among our users, we provide a safe environment for students to learn, parents to participate, and teachers to educate.

Simply put: our work begins when class ends.

Our mission from the onset has been to seamlessly connect teachers, students, and parents through the Internet. Since our launch, we've been in a process of continuous improvement and have relied on feedback from our users to refine our website. Managing students, parents, and your classroom takes up much of your time as is – but we've created a product to save you just that in the long run.

(Thanks to Michael from the SchoolRack team for this link)

National Compact for Social Inclusion

www.socialinclusion.gov.au/Compact/

On this web page you'll find information about the Australian Government's National Compact for Social Inclusion for the not-for-profit sector. A consultation paper is available for download – including an illustrated 'easy English' version.

There is also a link to the online consultation forum where you can contribute to and comment on the development of the Compact.

You may also like to browse the rest of the website, as it has many other links and resources related to the Australian Government's social inclusion priorities and approach across all sectors.

The Australian Government's social inclusion agenda is a whole-of-government approach to provide opportunities for all Australians to participate in their local community and Australian society.

SimpleTechIntegration

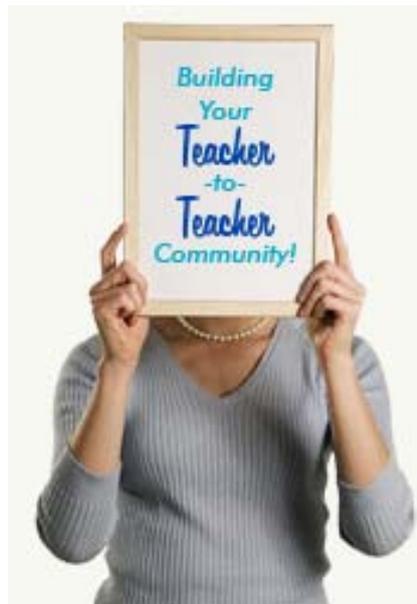
www.simpletechintegration.com/

Another resource for teachers, SimpleTechIntegration is a teacher-to-teacher community where you can share all sorts of classroom resources, such as:

- Lesson Plans and Podcasts
- Classroom Websites, Blogs, & Wikis
- Interactive Whiteboard Resources
- Classroom Handouts and Pop Quizzes
- PowerPoint Presentations
- And much, much more!

SimpleTechIntegration is available at no charge – so if you're a classroom teacher you may like to give it a whirl!

(Thanks Maggie Verster for this resource)



"To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here."

SAIL (Sudanese Association Integrated Learning) at the Granary

www.gallerysunshine.com

Come and see the wonderful art work that the children at SAIL Braybrook have produced. They have been very busy working with Lee Agius and Briony Davis over the past eight weeks.

Now the work will be displayed at the Granary Café, 2 Devonshire Road, Sunshine.

We hope you can join us there to see the work and to celebrate: 12.30pm Saturday 5 September. The exhibition will continue at the Granary until Thursday 24 September.

Download invitation: <http://sn.im/rhvgp>

More information about two other very special events.

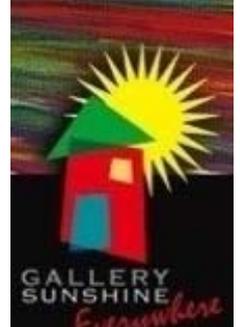
1. Jenni Kamp's PhD exhibition, 8- 25 September, Level 17, Victoria University, 300 Flinders Street Melbourne: <http://sn.im/rhvfy>
2. Megan Evans' exhibition, 15-26 September, 45 Downstairs, 45 Flinders Lane, Melbourne.: <http://sn.im/rhvge>

Both Megan and Jenni are wonderful *Gallery Sunshine Everywhere* supporters who have helped us in so many ways.

Megan made the magic animated film which was shown at the opening of the Humbaba exhibition (there are still some copies available at \$15)

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Changing Lives Through Music

Jose Antonio Abreu - TED Talk

<http://sn.im/catks>

Jose Antonio Abreu is the charismatic founder of a youth orchestra system, El Sistema, which has transformed thousands of kids' lives in Venezuela. Listen to him speak about his experiences in this TED talk and be inspired! J

And here's another link to a video of the orchestra playing, led by Gustavo Dudamel, himself a participant in El Sistema:

<http://sn.im/ejucc>

Musicians Making a Difference (MMAD)

<http://www.mmad.org.au/>

This youth-initiated movement aims to improve the lives of all young people, particularly disadvantaged and marginalised youth, through the power of music, the creative arts and the unconditional positive regard that music brings.

MMAD's programs seek to "break the negativity and help young people to reach their full potential"

(Anne Hugo, Youth Field Xpress)



Moving to Next Generation Corporate Citizenship

www.cccdeutschland.org/staticsite/staticsite.php?menuid=87

Commissioned by the Centre for Corporate Citizenship Deutschland, this report makes for fascinating reading! (Both German and English versions can be downloaded from the above web page)

In the report, authors Philip Mirvis and Bradley Googins examine how companies look 1) *outside-in* to define the issues that are "material" to the firm and to society and 2) *consider, from the inside-out, how to address them authentically and distinctly.*

They discuss how some leading companies have *progressed beyond legal compliance, checkbook philanthropy, and*

stakeholder management to define a next generation of corporate citizenship that takes it from the margins to the mainstream of their business.

The report also describes five stages of a developmental model for the approach companies take to their corporate citizenship:

1. Compliant
2. Engaged
3. Innovative
4. Integrated
5. Transforming

A number of examples and case studies are included to show what these stages look like in practice.

Live and work to make a difference, to make things better, even the smallest things. Give full consideration to the rights and interests of others. No business is successful, even if it flourishes, in a society that does not care for or about its people. (Eugene C. Dorsey)

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BJ Biz Buzz

In the last issue of *Starlink*, we let you know about our two blogs: Chris's at <http://chrischats.com> and Sue's at <http://suejames.com>



Well, we've now launched a third, shared blog! It's called *BJ Biz Buzz* and focuses on information, tips and resources for business.

You'll find it at <http://bjbizbuzz.com>

We warmly invite you to visit our blogs - and if you do drop by, please say hello! ☺

Tin Can Technology



Reflections
CHRIS BENNETT

Mobile phones are so common these days that we don't often give them a second thought.

They can do everything but flip caps from bottles.

But some bright spark will eventually think of that.

45 years ago our mobile phones were two tin cans joined by a piece of string. We discovered this amazing technology as ten year olds.

Our tin cans phone did have poor reception and coverage and it was difficult to jam the cans into the narrow pockets of our torn and frayed shorts.

But the advantages did outweigh the disadvantages.

There were no batteries to recharge, zero pounds charges. And you could show off in the street by flashing your cans around. For a ten year old that was important.

And we could actually see each other live when we were talking on the phone. That was exciting.

If we lost our mobile tin cans we simply replaced them with some old tomato cans lying around in our backyards.

We'd make sure we removed the labels first before we ventured onto the streets to use our new phones.

We were ambitious ten years old and we tried to find a way of increasing the coverage of our tin can phone.

We thought of stringing our tin cans across Brunswick Street, a busy road which separated our houses.

Rolling out the string over the road was not an option because the passing trams would slice our string in half.

So the string had to be high enough to reach our second story houses, through the open windows.

We could never figure out how to get the string through the overhead tramlines in the middle of the road and the power lines blocking our path.

Tossing them from window to window wouldn't work because it was too far, although we were both good stone throwers.

We thought of shooting the cans over with our slingshots but discovered the cans were too big for our slingshots.

It was frustrating because we had what we thought was the latest in technology at the time but were stuck with short distance coverage.



But that didn't really matter because the delight of communicating face to face over came our dilemma.

Which is something that doesn't happen often these days.

We are so busy and bound up with instant communication with instant technology today that we risk losing the intimate art of talking face to face.

Oh!

Hang on a second.

My tin can is ringing.

Must answer that.

I want to see who it is!



Technology... the knack of so arranging the world that we don't have to experience it.
(Max Frisch)