

Just Focus Meeting Auckland

Sunday 17 July 2005
Pioneer Women's Hall

Present: Cameron, Josheel, Kayt, TeRito, Jeremy, Aajuli, Eva, Shirley (dropped in)

We went over the last meeting and chatted about what had been decided there. We watched a doco and did some activities. We planned what future meetings would be about.

Impartiality? Just Focus cooperating with other groups

This related to a discussion from the previous meeting.

Eva explained the position of The Development Resource Centre (her employer) in terms of aligning with other groups. Briefly this is:

- ❖ We do not align with any political party
- ❖ We are not neutral: we are a values based organisation the values that we follow are: empowerment, people centred development, a holistic approach to development, participation, transparency, te Tiriti o Waitangi, human rights and development
- ❖ We will only officially align with organisations that follow these same values
- ❖ Also, we only participate in legal activity

However, Just Focus is unique, it is not a group that is controlled by DRC, but is supported by it.

Soooo, Just Focus as a national group needs to decide what its values and stuff are and also who it will work cooperatively with.

Basically, if there is a group that you want to work with to organise a specific event or something, and they fit with the general kaupapa of the group - go to it!

Promotion

In order to get people to meetings we could put up posters or advertise in the Whats On section of City Scene

DVD

We watched half of the documentary The Corporation. The dvd is available to any of you to borrow who have joined our library.

Next meeting will be showing Super Size Me.

Article ideas:

- ❖ Know your rights... what are your rights in NZ and what are they overseas?

Ideas for future meetings:

- ❖ Show dvds
- ❖ Get speakers in: eg about Indonesia, or participating in political process (ie use your vote!)

- ❖ Plan activities: promo of Just Focus
- ❖ Discuss Issues
- ❖ Work of specific campaigns/projects: make poverty history, peace week...

Camp/National Meeting

Eva briefly explained the planned camp in October – 6th-8th. It will be just out of Wellington and up to 3 people from Auckland aged 16-20 are invited. It is up to you which people that will be. The understanding will be that those people are committed to being a part of Just Focus and will feedback the learning from the camp to the group.

The camp will be subsidized so there will be very few costs for those who attend. Transport to the camp will also be covered.

Members raised the issue that it should be bigger and more people will want to go. Eva will feed this back to Global Ed. Future meetings/camps will be greater numbers.

Contact phone numbers

Everyone thought it would be useful for everyone in the same city to have each others numbers so we can organise meeting up and stuff. However we realise some people may not want their number given out.

To set the ball rolling, the numbers of the members from the last meeting are:

Cameron:	09 534 3372	
Josheel:	09 521 7485	027 276 6710
TeRito:	09 5719144	021 267 7377
Kayt:	09 3032279	027 4698950
Aajuli:		021 252 2586
Jeremy:	09 376 2873 or 5294455	021 231 0669

Eva (in Wellington) 04 496 9510 021 119 1305 or

Eva will email the rest of the Auckland JF crew and see if it's ok to give out their numbers

Also, Shirley Allan from the Auckland City Council and CAYD is happy to help out – booking you the rooms and stuff. She may come along to some meetings too.

Her numbers are: 09 353 9168, 027 487 3441

Next Meeting: Sun 21 August 3 - 5:30.