

Success stories from the Developing World on Recovery and the Improvement of Social Justice



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Combining spoken word poetry, research, and motivational speaking to help each person become a catalyst for change:

- Social justice issues, challenges, and successful models from developing countries
- Current trends changing the world like urbanization, climate change, genetic engineering, and the challenge of nuclear power
- Americans' roles in worsening oppression and what we can do with time instead of money
- Mental health systems from other countries and how these may help us handle our own budget cuts.
- To increase our own happiness by becoming part of something larger than ourselves

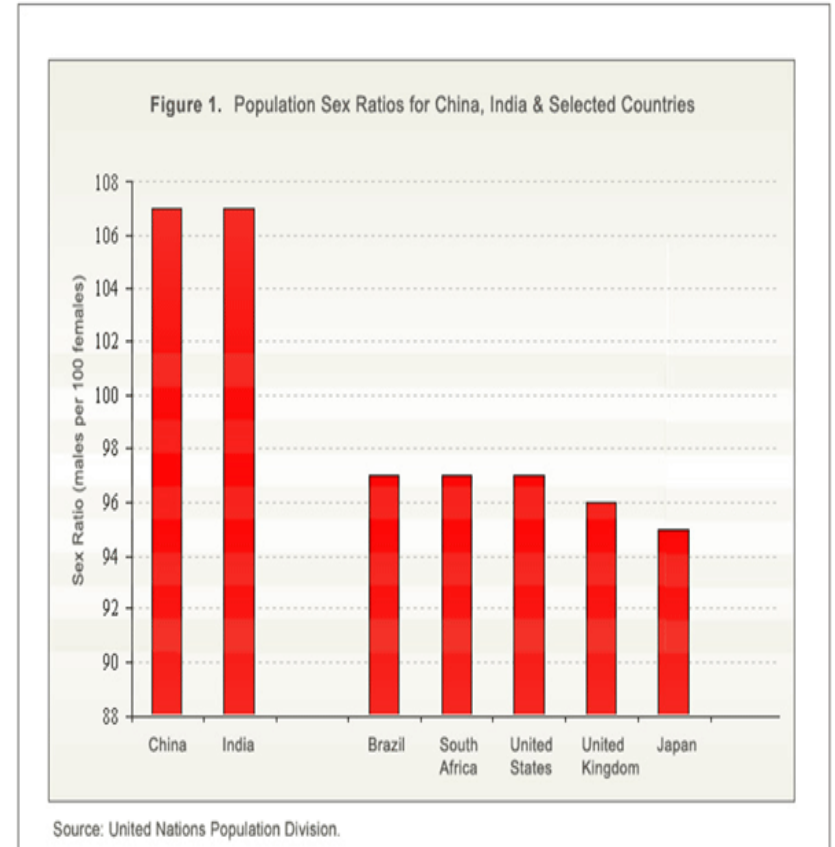
Performance outline



Gender inequity in selected countries

- More slaves among us now than ever before in history
- Between 60 and 100 million missing women from the globe
- More girls dying of discrimination that soldiers in all our wars
- www.globalgiving.org or www.kiva.org for People to People Donation
- Sign up for email updates on www.womensnews.org or www.worldpulse.com

Source: *Half the Sky*, 2009, Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, Pulitzer Prize Winners

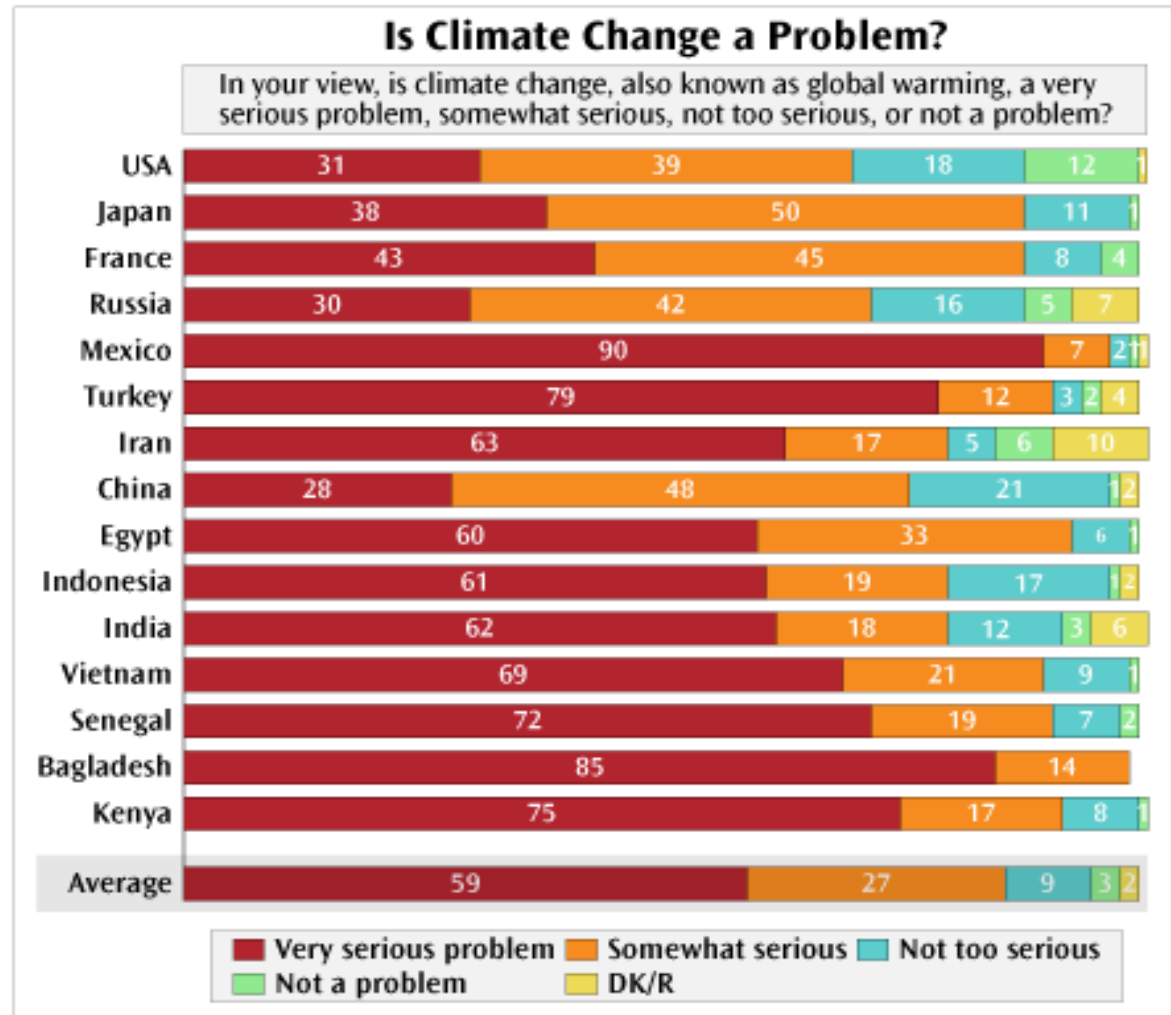


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Impact of Climate Change on Developing Countries

Survey of 13, 000 people in 15 countries done by the World Bank.

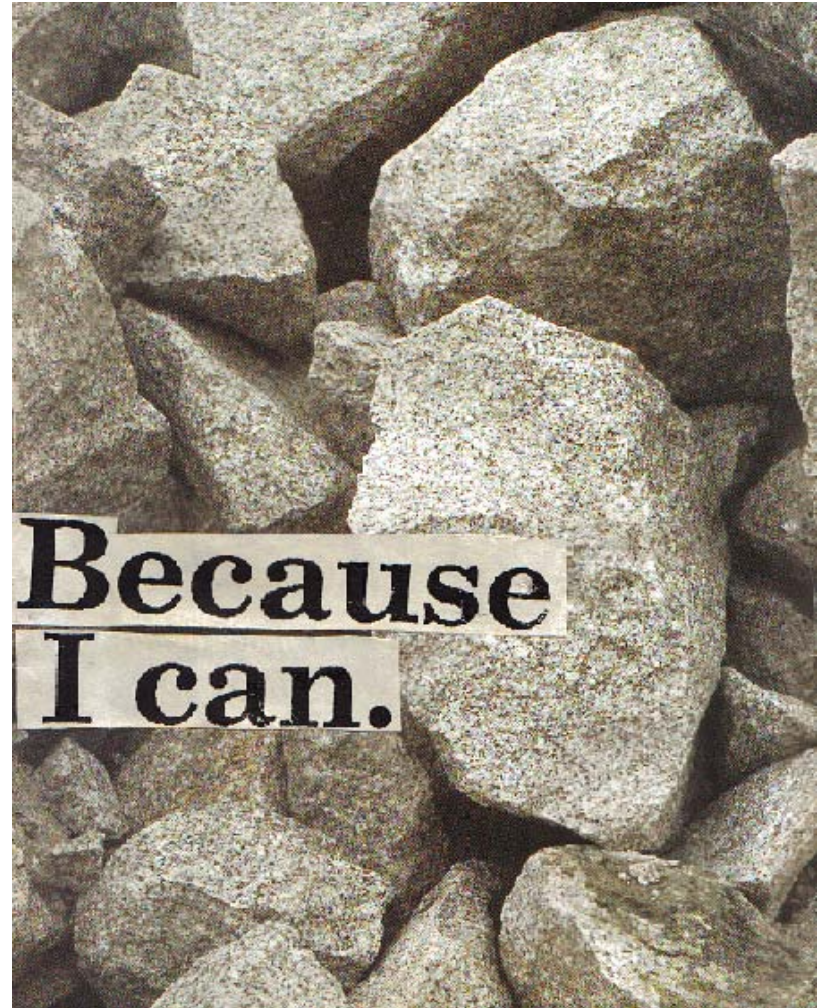
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Dream Building

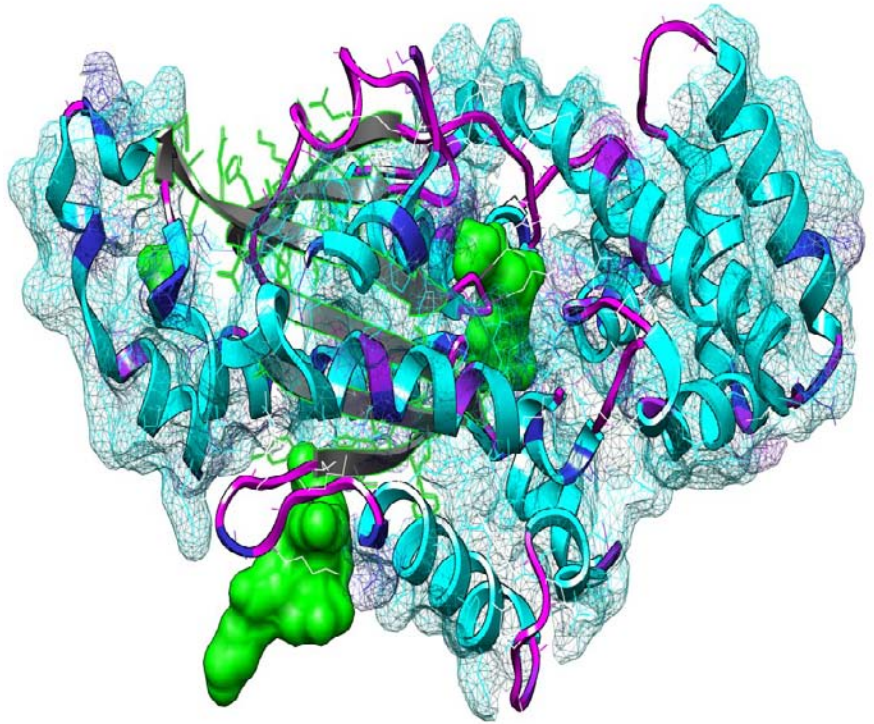
Interactive Exercise 1

1. What is the issue in the world most relevant to you?
2. Why does this issue cause an internal response for you?
3. What is your current level of involvement in the world at large?



Bringing together the scientific and environmental communities

- Genetically modified foods reduce pesticide and herbicide use, benefit small farmers, increase food safety and benefit, and allows “no till” agriculture
- Nuclear power has reasonable waste storage opportunities, better baseload and footprint capacity, and capacity for small users
- Cities are green by reducing birth rate, allowing economic opportunities, reducing environmental footprint



Source: *The Ecopragmatists Manifesto*, 2009, Stewart Brand

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Interactive Exercise 2:

Find a partner and talk to them until you find an area in which you have opposite viewpoints. Don't try to convince each other. Just answer the next three questions with that opposition in mind:

1. What are about your tightly held assumptions on this point?
2. When have radically changed your viewpoint when presented with new experiences or new data?
3. What has been effective in your experience when trying to educate someone who holds an opposite viewpoint?

Advocacy as a Systemic Transformation Tool

- ***\$1 spent on advocacy*** results in nearly ***\$1000 spent*** by governments on bicycling facilities
- 32% of Americans do not have a drivers license. 7.9% of U.S. households are “zero – vehicle” households.
- In the U.S., road transportation contributes to 22% of greenhouse gas emissions
- 67% of Kansas City residents wanted local taxes used for bicycling and walking facilities



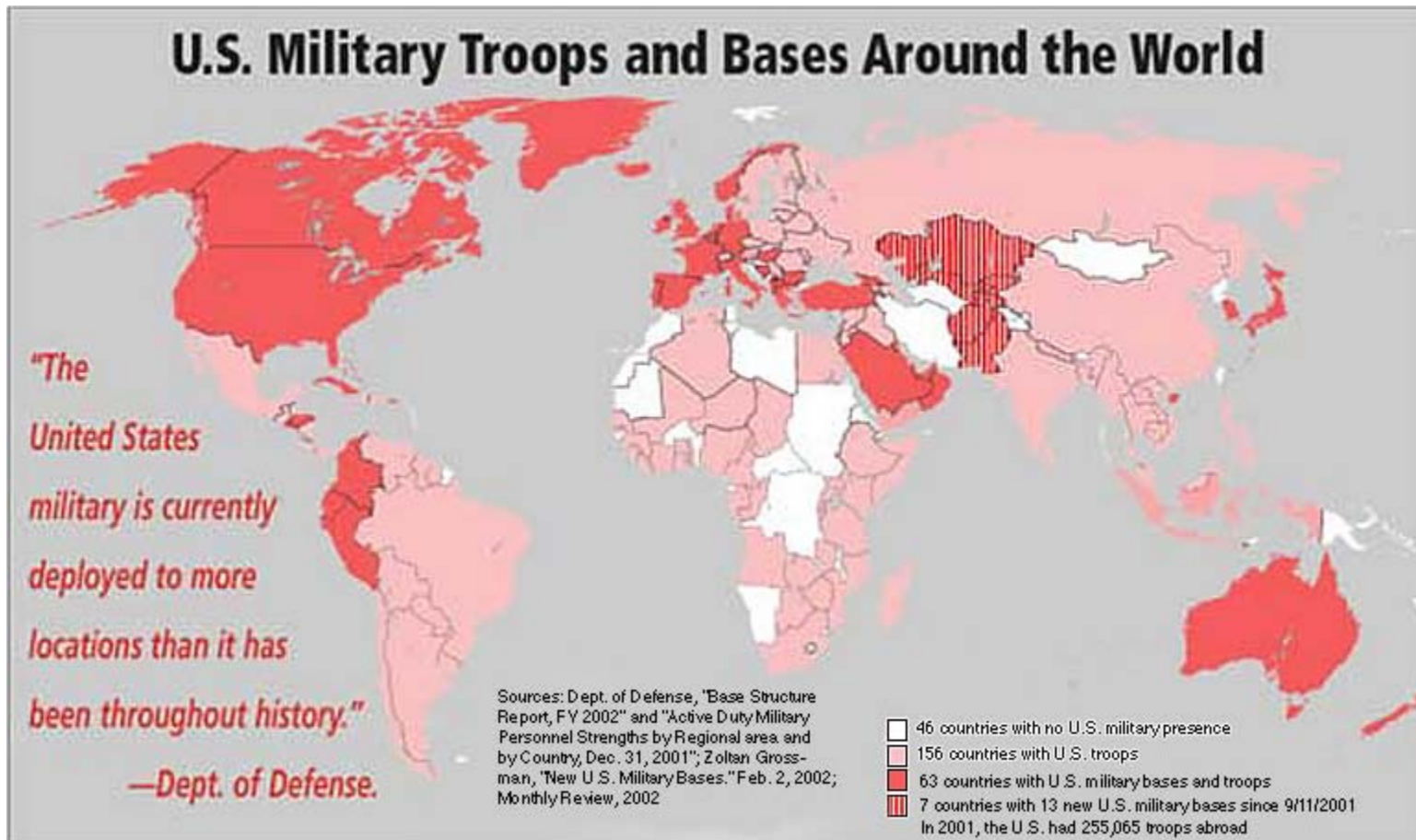
Source: Missouri Bicycle Federation

Important Assertion

- Civil rights improved the lives of white people as well
- The equal rights movement for women helps men as well
- Improving conditions for people with mental illness has a positive benefit for all society
- Bicycle pedestrian advocacy makes cities better even for people who never walk or ride bikes
- Original idea by Saul Alinsky



America's role in worsening oppression in the world



From: <http://endofamericanempire.blogspot.com/>

The Good News: Social Entrepreneurs

Why Wasn't I Told about this?

Six characteristics of Successful Social Entrepreneurs, from Daniel Bornstein, *How to Change the World*, also described by John Elkington and Pamela Hartigan in *The Power of Unreasonable People*

1. Willingness to self-correct
2. Willingness to share credit
3. Willingness to break free of established structures
4. Willingness to cross interdisciplinary boundaries
5. Willingness to work quietly
6. Strong ethical impetus

Exercise 3: Develop a list of five things we can do in the next week to help out.

Globalization of the mental health system

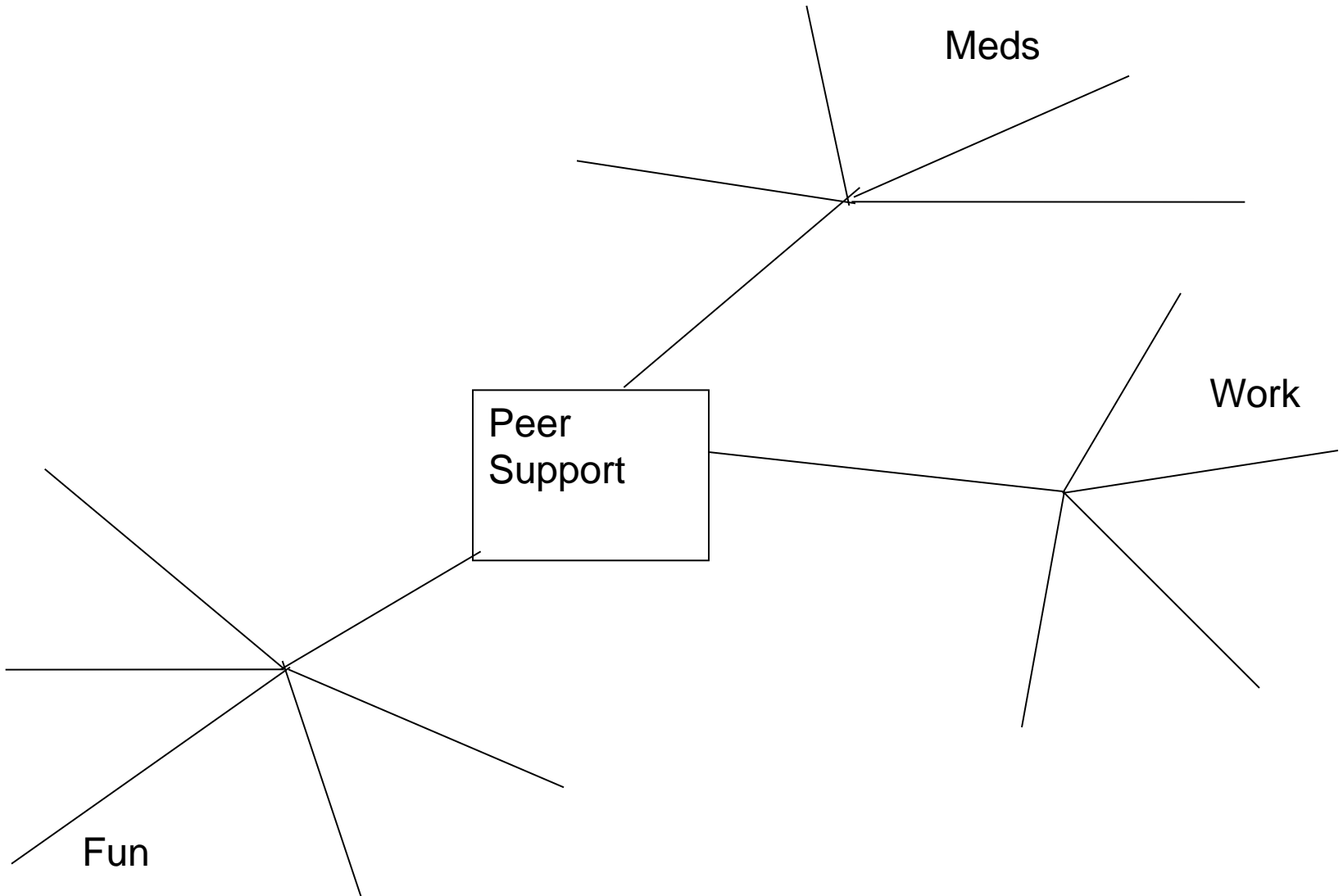
Dr. Jean Campbell, MO: “As we globalize our system of treatment, we are not doing a good job of exporting the use of peer support and the contributions of the consumer movement.”

Success stories:

- Alliance Industrial Union, Erzsébet Szekeres, Hungary, disability home care
- Tateni, South Africa, Veronica Khosa, AIDS home care
- SCARF – Schizophrenia Research Foundation, India, Dr. M. Sarada Menon, family based care

Exercise 4: Build your own state mental health budget. What is happening on your own state level? How would you control the budget cuts?

Mapping informal support networks



More information

- 1) Follow my blog, Facebook, LinkedIn or Twitter.
- 2) Public events through your local library, community centers, and local advocacy groups.
- 3) Art walks in your community, or artist websites
- 4) Poetry open mics in your city – check with coffee shops, universities, and African American leaders
- 5) Check nonprofits' websites or donation profiles
- 6) Research libraries at medical schools
- 7) Always believe in your power to make a change

Conclusion

- There is a lot of good news out there about growth and development.
- Always be willing to listen to people who disagree with you.
- Your participation in any kind of advocacy makes the world a better place.

Thanks for participating and listening today and being willing to examine your own assumptions.

