

10 Tips to Make your Community Group More Welcoming...

1. FOLLOW YOUR HEART

Make sure you're really committed; don't dash into the first idea that comes along. The time will come when you'll ask if it's all worth it. You need to know the answer.

2. BE CONCRETE

As far as possible, know exactly what changes you want to bring about in the world. The tighter your focus, the better your chances of getting what you want.

3. DO YOUR BUDGET

Sit down and sketch out the resources you'll need to get to the other side of your plans. Is the money there?

4. DON'T REINVENT THE WHEEL

It's a lot of work to set up a group; it's a lot less work to join one. Make sure nobody else is already doing that job.

5. CHECK YOUR DIARY

You can sometimes get more money, but you can't get more than 168 hours in a week. How many of those can you spare?

6. FIND THE COMMITTEE FIRST

Round up the people who care and persuade them to join you. If you can't sell it to them, you won't win over anybody else.

7. DUMP YOUR EGO

There is going to be criticism, there are going to be compromises, there are going to be misunderstandings. Don't take them personally.

8. GET ONLINE

If you put what you're interested in up on the internet then anyone else in the world can find you and join up.

9. BE PATIENT

Life isn't a one-hour TV episode. Achieving our goals takes a long time, and there are setbacks, but usually it will be worth it.

10. HOPE FOR THE BEST, PLAN FOR THE WORST

Never lose the vision you set out with. Never believe you won't get there. And never forget Murphy's Law is going to be with you all the way. Be hopeful, and be flexible.

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