Beginning Farmer Service Organization Professional Development Training October 28-30, 2013

Century House, 997 New Loudon Rd, Latham, NY 12110

Cultural Competency Learning Objectives and Agenda

Learning Objectives:

- To challenge our own self-awareness about racial and cultural differences to foster greater cultural humility (the lifelong journey)
- To gain a historical and cultural perspective on the place, roles and bias that face minority and other underrepresented members (women, veterans, refugees, etc.) in our food system
- To explore the process of cultivating authentic relationship with these emerging farmers
- To create, thoughtful and targeted outreach and engagement strategies for these emerging farmers

Facilitators:

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Day 1, Monday	Oct 28 th , 7 -9pm
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7:00 pm	Welcome	Anu
	Review of Learning Objectives	
7:10 pm	Diversity Ice Breaker: Ups-Downs-Shared Pride exercise	Eduardo Gonzalez
	• Establish a shared framework for thinking about diversity	
7:30 pm	Learning Objective: To challenge our own self-awareness	Eduardo Gonzalez
	about racial and cultural differences to foster greater cultural	and Joanna Green
	humility (the lifelong journey)	
	Short presentations: 15 minutes each	
	Eduardo: Identity Map	
	• Joanna : Personal Stories -See Groundswell Story pdf.	
8:00 pm	Learning Objective: To gain a historical and cultural	Gail Myers, Tia
	perspective on the place, roles and bias that face minority and	Christopher
	other underrepresented members (women, veterans,	
	refugees, etc.) in our food system	
	Guiding Questions:	
	What do we need to know, understand and pursue about	
	these communities to effectively engage them in our	
	agriculture work?	
	Short presentations: 10 minutes each	
	Gail Myers- African American farmers	
	Tia Christopher- Veteran farmers	

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8:30	Small group discussions	All trainers
	 Guiding questions What have been my unspoken assumptions about these communities? 	
	 How do I engage with this community to change myself? What assets, resources and experiences do I have to help address challenges faced by these communities? 	
9:00 pm	Adjourn	

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Day 2, Tuesday Oct 29th, 7-9pm

7:00 pm	Welcome and Review of Learning Objectives	Anu
-	Working Agreements	
7:10 pm	Learning Objectives	All trainers
-	• To explore the process of cultivating authentic relationship with these emerging farmers	
	• To create, thoughtful and targeted outreach and	
	engagement strategies for these emerging farmers	
	Select discussion group of interest	
	1. Chris Wayne-Latinos	
	2. Gail Myers and Karen Washington- African Americans	
	3. Tia Christopher-Veterans	
	4. Patty Neiner-Women	
	5. Eva Agudelo Winther-Refugees	
	6. Joanna Green-Cross-Community programming	
	Guiding Questions:	
	1. How do we reach into these different groups?	
	2. How do I build trust in my work and goals among	
	these emerging farmers?	
	3. What might be obstacle or challenge to reach these farmers?	
	4. What actions can I take now, in 2 months and in 6	
	months to engage these farmers?	
	5. Who else do I need to have on my team?	
8:00 pm	Reporting Back to whole group	Gail/Anu
8:30 pm	Whole Group Discussion	Anu
	 How do we support each other going forward? 	
	 What additional training is needed? 	
9:00 pm	Adjourn	