

# **“Learning to change the world” Follow up meeting friday 19th of September in the afternoon**

We were about 25 persons who met at the Glokala folkhögskolan to talk about how we would like to continue this networking process on popular/alternative education that we have initiated. We worked on the tentative proposals in small groups and in the plenary discussion the following conclusions and ideas were presented

## **Visions**

The “Learning to change the world” initiative wants to connect persons and organizations working in the field of popular/alternative education closely related to the social movements struggle for social justice, gender equity, anti-racism, environment, human rights etc in order to learn from each other and to strengthen the movements. The initiative also wants to contribute with methods to make the forum process more participatory.

We want to influence educational policies in our countries and have impact on the ideas of “quality” and “good education”

## **Organisation**

We will not form a formal organisation but we will use the name “Learning to change the world ESF 2008” to identify ourselves.

## **Communication**

We discussed about email lists and creating a homepage but ended up in a proposal to use a new tool named Necipia that one of the participants in the meeting, Viktoria Skarler, could facilitate. The list with e-mail from the seminar in the morning was complemented and will be sent to Viktoria to set up the tool.

## **Strategy**

As we do not count on much economic resources for organizing activities we talked about using “piggybacking”. The idea is that we try to meet and to communicate our ideas when other organisations and networks are organizing things. We talked about the WSF in Belem in January, the Popular Education Network (PEN) in Sevilla in June, the LIEN network meeting in Belgium in July, the Copenhagen climate meeting in December 2009, the ESF forum in Istanbul 2010. To relate to EAEA, European Association for the Education of Adults was another proposal.

## **Activities**

We said that it was important that we formulate concrete tasks and activities for our network but that we were not in a position to do that at this meeting.

Proposals for coming activities are:

Elaborate a course on popular education and social change that invites participants from many countries. There are possibilities to do this in cooperation with the University in Linköping, Sweden. It could also be possible for a Swedish Folk High School to organize this.

Organize thematic seminars on popular education and topics like gender, antiracism, climate, migration, etc.

Organize exchange programs so that we can learn from each other

Develop common projects to have some funding for exchanges, seminars, courser, production of materials etc

Connect to already existing networks and organisations in the field of popular and adult education

Show how popular education can contribute to the forum process.