

# Enable Passion



## **Revolution**

*"Change is eternal and relentless... You wish freely and naturally to move with the changes that influence you, but you are caught up in ambiguities and paradoxes... Whatever your question is, whatever your problem, the solution can be found in the changes occurring in the everyday world... Do not resist these changes... The wave of the future is no more; the wave is now. You are in it."*

## **Letter from the founder...**

### **Consensus at Enable Passion:**

The attached brochure represents the second attempt at raising funds for the Enable Passion project. Rather than granting, presently I have shifted strategies toward seeking capital investment in the for-profit ventures. The first nonprofit venture, the Freedom School, will be funded by an open mic event hosted by artists from Passionate Music—we are already taking steps toward self-sufficiency. The brochure represents the combined work of many dedicated individuals, and the first decision made affecting the entire Enable Passion Group. Hence, it will not be distributed until all contributing parties are in consensus with the document. Please assist me in beginning the next stage of fundraising by communicating your thoughts on the brochure and whether or not you are in accord with its contents, as soon as possible. We propose five agreements as a common bond between all employees, volunteers, investors, associates, and allies, so that we may speak in a unified voice of unique, self-determined individuals.

#### **1) Dialogue as tactic.**

Our primary objective is to be a catalyst for dialogue in a culture of silence. Enable Passion seeks to challenge the braid of oppression, where classism intersects racism, where sexism intersects classism, and so on. We do not claim to have answers—rather, we propose a means by which purposefully asking questions can lead to solutions being built by those affected instead of brought in from outside.

#### **2) Horizontality.**

The face of global struggle is changing—in favor of organizing from below and community empowerment—and concerned nonprofits and businesses need to adapt. Inspired by direct action in Chiapas, Venezuela and Argentina, we propose a business model based on democracy, equal participation and consensus. This not only empowers each individual involved as a creative force, but provides motivation to create product that is far beyond the standards we have come to accept.

#### **3) Mutual aid.**

Enable Passion is committed to channeling the creativity of marginalized communities into internal, autonomous funding sources for alternatives in traditional food, healthcare and schooling resources. Our work seeks to relieve these communities of dependency on the government for these basic needs and place control of these institutions in the hands of the people they most impact.

#### **4) Living wage.**

The minimum wage in the United States promotes substandard living—it is impossible to provide for basic necessities, especially for a family, at \$5.15 per hour. Enable Passion proposes to pay all workers a living wage based on the needs of their family and the local cost of living, while shortening the work week and providing benefits.

#### **5) Corporate social responsibility.**

We will boldly set an example in the business community by developing coalitions based on a social responsibility index in order to spark consumer consciousness and impact major markets which have historically oppressed workers and consumers alike.

Please take time to consider the enclosed documents. The following is a list of all involved parties.

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