

Nonviolence Monitor Prep Agenda

10 Introductions

- Purpose of monitor preparation workshop
- Around the circle with your name, affinity group, something good that happened to you recently
- Literature

10 Agenda Review

- Review the agenda, make changes, get consensus of group including preparers
- Pick a timekeeper
- Circulate a list to get names, phone numbers

10 Small Group Discussion — Resolving Conflicts

- Divide into groups of 2
- Discuss a conflict you have resolved nonviolently — what you did, what worked

10 Presentation — Being a Nonviolence Monitor

- What is a monitor? Why do you want to be one?
- Not a boss — no more power than anyone else, but more responsibility
- A facilitator of the action and monitor of nonviolence agreement
- Authority comes from NV agreement and from consent of participants
- Be patient, calm, relaxed, assertive, firm, clear, aware, informed
- Good to work in pairs, as members of an affinity group, or part of a larger monitor collective
- Give examples of successful nonviolent peace-keeping situations

5 Questions

20 Role Play — Hassle Lines

— Twice: set up & roleplay (3 min.), discuss (7)]

• Possible Topics

- Counter-demonstrator
- Angry facility worker
- Rock-throwing demonstrator
- Man beating up a woman on city street

• Discussion

- What worked and didn't work?
- How did it feel for you?
- What did you learn?

15 Presentation/Discussion of Action

- Background of action
- Description & logistics of action
- Roles for monitors
- Organization of monitors

10 Stretch Break

- Backrubs, game of knots, jelly roll, sitting in laps, mwaaa, song

25 Role Play — Quick Decision-Making

— Break into groups of 3 monitors
Explain (1), three times: [Set-up (1), roleplay (1), discuss (6)]

• Possible Topics

- One AG looks and acts suspiciously
- A demonstrator has a banner that says "Punks Against Nukes"
- One AG starts chanting, "Kill the President"
- A demonstrator suddenly faints/keels over
- The police suddenly announce that your parade permit is not valid
- A counter-protester harasses people at a rally
- A fight breaks out between 10 people in a crowd
- Members of an affinity group are smoking marijuana

• Discussion

- Did you come up with a good solution? What was it?
- How was your decision-making process? Was everyone included?
- How did it feel for you?
- What did you learn?

10 Presentation/Discuss — First Aid/Medical Team

30 Roleplays — Monitor Situations

— Twice: [Set up (2), roleplay (5), discuss (8)]

• Possible Topics

- A fist-fight is about to break out between a drunken by-stander and a demonstrator (1 drunk, 1 demonstrator, 2 monitors, 1 observer)
- A group of people rush the stage and take over the microphone at a rally (4 stage rushers, 4 monitors, 2 speakers, 4 in crowd)
- A group is about to burn a police car (2 demonstrators, 2 monitors)

• Discussion

- What worked and didn't work?
- How did it feel for you?
- What did you learn?

10 Small Group — Share Feelings

— Break into groups of 2 or 3; give each person a chance to talk for 3 - 5 minutes

- Express your joy, fear, excitement, concerns, etc. about being a monitor

10 Evaluation — Goods, bads, improvements

Closing Circle — Group Mwaaa

2 hours, 55 minutes