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WSA Forum 4b: Presenting Subud in the World: Centres and Communications

Being present in the World through our Subud Centres and the provision of information

The working group concluded that Subud can improve its contribution to society - and so its positive presence in the World – by making Centres open places of Lightness, Peace and Communication, where:

- Subud members communicate to the public a feeling of stillness, joy, social endeavour and natural friendliness as a way of life.
- The outer and inner characteristics of the premises – however small – are clarity, love and peace.
- The locations have a good reputation, are accessible and safe, and provide attractive faculties for the Latihan, and for appropriate educational, creative, health promoting, and communication activities for local, regional and national communities.
- Information on Subud, its Centres and activities, is provided in an effective manner through electronic means and on-site conversations.
- Activities open to the public are organised by both members and external users. These foster the shared inner feelings, encourage creative and inquisitive energies, promote harmony and remind people of the purpose of these Centres.

To achieve this situation information is required on how to:

- Realise Subud Centres. Examples show how this has been achieved by specific groups in different situations, and also lists people who are prepared to be instrumental in assisting in future Centre endeavours.
- Develop and improve inspiring information on Subud, its Centres, publications, and activities that are open to the public at large.
- Engage in open conversation with interested people, organise open days, and selectively develop and provide information to the public.
- Find consultants that are able to encourage group consensus, and provide communicative, outreach, design, and managerial, technical and legislative expertise.
- Mobilise support from MSF, local, national, international memberships, and external agencies.
- Develop and improve, or use, interactive websites containing the above information

It is essential that special attention be given to groups in low-income countries, including developing a special assistance programme.

The main objective of centres is to provide the best possible facilities for Latihan. They will also facilitate group unity and the Wings' initiatives, the attraction and commitment of new members, opportunities for income-producing endeavours, and other challenging ways of putting the Latihan in to practice, so that the full potential of Subud Centres in supporting the membership, and society at large, can be realised.