

1/12 VCLN Workshop

Building & Sustaining Community throughout the Pandemic – Chat from Zoom Call

WHO'S ON THE CALL?

Patricia M Sears: Trish Sears | #WeAreLowellJayWestfieldTroyAreaStrong a mutual aid group started in March 2020. I'm in Lowell, VT

Tiffany Walker: Associate Dean of Workforce Education at the Community College of Vermont. I'm Zooming from Rutland.

Heather Alger: St. Johnsbury, VT

Beth Stern: Beth Stern, Outreach Rep, Senator Bernie Sanders office. Zooming from Marshfield. At times I might go off camera in order to preserve bandwidth.

Robert Joly: Bob Joly, Director, St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

Lauren Poster: Marlboro

Steven Isham: St. Johnsbury Town Energy Committee

Danielle Smith, Salvation Farms (she/her): Dani Smith from Salvation Farms but zooming in from Hyde Park VT

Jennifer S Burlington Library: Jennifer Murray Director South Burlington Library

Abbey Harlow: From Spring Lake Ranch in Shrewsbury, VT. Communications and Development Manager.

Eric Durocher: Eric Durocher - Economic Development Director - Town of Dover, VT

Jen Rodriguez: Family Support Worker Bennington County Head Start

Nick Kramer (He / His) VCRD to Everyone : Nick Kramer from VCRD. Live today from Montpelier!

Alice Peal : Alice Peal, Vice Chairperson Waitsfield Planning Commission

Jennie Rozycki : Jennie Rozycki, Director of the John G. McCullough Free Library in North Bennington, VT.

Luke Rackers - CVCOA: Luke Rackers, Community Engaged Tech Specialist at the Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA), Zooming in from Montpelier

Laurel Green: Laurel Green, Sustainable Rockingham

Molly Stone (she/her): Hi all! Molly Stone, Artistic Director @ Catamount Arts. Joining from my home in Bradford, VT.

RESOURCES / PARTNER CONTACT INFO

Nick Kramer (He/His) : New & improved Leadership homepage: www.vtrural.org/leadership. Link to online pdf of the Leadership Guide: www.vtrural.org/leadership/guide. You can also request a printed copy by email any one of us, or info@vtrural.org.

Nick Kramer (He / His) VCRD: Here's the link to submit a short blurb about you & your work for our monthly leadership network profiles: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1bVWW7hz14HDNdMxTlsuXURTq-XgXWXM4vkyXAHa6Cg/edit>.

Nick Kramer (He / His) VCRD: Here's the library of past workshops: <https://www.vtrural.org/leadership/workshops/library>.

Nick Kramer (He / His) VCRD: And here's the page where you can register for our informal VCLN Lunch Breaks (next one 1/21!): <https://www.vtrural.org/leadership/lunchbreak>.

Beth Stern: My email is beth_stern@sanders.senate.gov if anyone wants to contact me.

DISCUSSION

Patricia M Sears: WELCOME, BETH... I'll be in touch with you. CHEERS

Steven Isham, St Johnsbury : Molly, nice job on First Night North. Thanks.

Molly Stone (she/her): Thanks Steve!!

Molly Stone (she/her): Love these!

April Dunham: Incredible idea and results!

Jennifer S Burlington Library: This is a great project - good thinking!

Beth Stern: Great work Luke! It's so nice to see the results of something that was just starting when I was at CVCOA.

Barbara Hatch: Wonderfully meaningful and impactful project. Is there consideration to sell notecards within the community to support the program's continuity?

Carolyn Stevens: Luke - wonderful! Thank you! Will be in touch to see how NCDN and/or Northfield Mutual Aid Task Force might tap into this idea.

Heather Buczkowski: You said that each Saturday that there is a topic. What is an example of a topic you would discuss?

Andrew McKeever: Thanks Jon and VCRD - have to jump off now - enjoyed the discussion

Robert Joly: Have to jump off as well. Thank you. Bob Joly

Stephanie Moffett-Hynds: So creative! Many of these should live on into post-COVID times and/or hybrid projects. Awesome.

Stephanie Moffett-Hynds: Thanks, Jody and Molly! Thanks, Jon. Have to go to a meeting now, too. This was fantastic.

Molly Stone (she/her): Thanks Steph!

Molly Stone (she/her): Thank you Jody!!!

Molly Stone (she/her): Thank you everyone!

Sarah Howe: Thank you!

Beth Stern: I need to leave thanks!

Kelly Hickey: thanx !

Barbara Hatch: Thank you everyone! Fantastic work!

Heather Buczkowski: i have a question for Lauren Poster

Spoon Agave: Is there a community if mutual aid only appears in crisis? People need food, housing, health care, jobs, transportation etc every day of every year.

Lauren Poster: Don't be shy about asking for help. There are folks out there that are willing and wanting to contribute. Ask.

Spoon Agave: Brattleboro just had its skin ripped open with a powerful assessment of how police administer justice. Most everything revealed would have been denied if there hadn't been an investigation that shows otherwise.

Lauren Poster: So thankful for VCRD. This community!