

Dear Readers,

I am writing seeking your support or involvement with a project to create a **Health, Healing and Counselling Centre** in the Hammersmith area. The project is being set up under the rules sponsored by the Cooperative Development Agency, as a living and working cooperative operated by part-time and voluntary assistance from members of the local community as well as by founder members.

Our current steering committee is made up of Val Browne, a counsellor in private practise, Nick Owen, Social Services Groupworker, Alan Taylor, Director of Hammersmith Mind, Bob Tinning, Director Alternatives, Ian Kennedy, Accept, Marjorie Wallace, St. Pauls Ministry.

Our needs are:

1. A large building with facilities for catering, a meditation room, group rooms, counselling and surgery rooms, as well as a residential sector.
2. An administrator. Perhaps a retired businessman, initially a part-time voluntary job. Payment will be arranged where possible.
3. Administrative Equipment. Stationery. Phone. Typewriter etc. Project Enterprise have offered to help us here - possibly with office space at very low cost.
4. Founder members prepared to invest in the purchase of a property, which would be both for work and accommodation.
5. Counsellors. We have a supply of voluntary counsellors through the Axis training programme, but more may be needed.
6. Medical and paramedical staff.

We hope to develop our project through working with:

Accept, Alternative, Cancer Link, Charing Cross terminal care, the Health Service, Mind, Sheltered Housing Schemes and Social Services.

We are looking very broadly for support, but particularly at present from:

Westminster Pastoral Foundation. British Holistic Medical Assoc. Assoc. for Humanistic Psychology and humanistic psychology practitioners. Siddha Yoga U.K. Assoc. for Ayurvedic Practitioners. HIAP Community Health Funds. Help the Aged.

If you would like to help, or want to know more, please write to me, Val Browne, chairperson of the Centre Steering Committee, 59B, Edith Grove, SW10 or ring 352 7159.

Yours sincerely,

Val Browne