

# AVPQ Newsletter

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Hello to all AVPQ followers, who also want to be recognised as peace builders. In amongst masses of world wide crises, this Newsletter is full of hopeful anticipation- yes, we can make a difference in the circles in which we move.

In this edition we have our 2017 Training Calendar. Our goal is to train several more facilitators this year, so we can take AVP into more communities. A commitment from a very kind donor will enable us to once more employ a Part Time Workshop Coordinator. We anticipate this will streamline our efforts to run full workshops and to provide back-up support to facilitators and participants. Training is the way in which our confidence is built up and we acquire new skills in cooperation, resolving conflicts and building community. As well as AVP training, we also advertise an opportunity to engage with NVC (Non Violent Communication) training on the last weekend in January. Our administration is strengthened by two new experienced facilitators on our Management Committee. We welcome Penny Barringham as Vice President and Julie Mudge as Minutes Secretary, with Richard Dening being President, Valerie Joy as Secretary and Eddie Antao continuing as Treasurer. So read on.....



Facilitators active in 2016 (absent Duncan Frewin, Helen Webb). From left: Marian James, Monica Sharwood, Julie Mudge, Valerie Joy, Richard Dening, Heather Millhouse, Penny Barringham and Monique Bond.

## **Non Violent Communication Training 28 and 29 January**

Led by Carolyn Davies an experienced NVC Trainer from the UK, NVC is also known as "Compassionate Communication" and is useful with family, friends, students, co-workers and clients, as well as with your own internal self talk.

Venue : Annerley Community Hub 566 Ipswich Rd, Annerley QLD 4103

Time: 10am – 5pm (please arrive at 9.45) Cost: \$200 Waged - \$100 Unwaged.

Carolyn asks you to consider yours and her needs for sustainability when choosing what to pay. "I propose this in the spirit of trust that we're all willing to hold and consider equally care for ourselves and each other".

Bookings: [Carolyn@mindfulcommunication.co.uk](mailto:Carolyn@mindfulcommunication.co.uk)

## **AVPQ Community Trainings-all at Lotus Place, 46 Cleveland St Stones Corner**

**(put the date of your training in your diary now)**

- Community Basic AVP Sat 1 and Sat 8 April
- Community Second Level Sat 6 and Sat 13 May
- Training for Facilitators Sat 3 and Sun 4 June
- Community Basic Sat 19 and Sat 26 August
- Community Second Level Sat 23 and Sat 30 Sept
- Training for Facilitators Sat 4 and Sun 5 November.

for bookings Email: [admin@avpq.org.au](mailto:admin@avpq.org.au) or call 0421 942 406.

Please note that these are proposed dates and may be subject to change.

## **Applications for Position of Workshop Coordinator**

AVPQ is looking to increase participation in its workshops as well as increase the pool of its trained facilitators. To do this, we will have a regular paid presence in the form of the Workshop Coordinator.

### **Primary duties**

- Ensure that AVPQ is able to fill and run the target number of workshops.
- Support existing facilitators: maintain an up-to-date directory of trained facilitators, with details of their experience, interests and availability;

maintain contact with facilitators; and support their continued involvement with AVPQ.

- Encourage participants to undertake the full three levels of workshops.
- Support those invited to continue into facilitator training (participants must have completed the three levels of workshops and be invited by the lead facilitator).
- Follow-up facilitators and participants after workshops.
- Assist facilitators to report effectively on workshops within the target timelines to AVP management.
- Promote AVP's work.
- Provide registration support at workshops as required.
- The position will report to the committee monthly (via attendance at the Committee Meeting in Tarragindi)

#### Prison Workshops

Liaise closely with and take direction from AVPQ workshop facilitators to:

- Promote AVP workshops to prison inmates, prison CEOs and prison staff.
- Organise necessary agreements with prison managements and organise promoting workshops amongst inmates.
- Organise facilitators for prison workshops, including accommodation as necessary

#### Community (public) Workshops

Liaise closely with and take direction from AVPQ workshop facilitators, reporting to the Secretary, to:

- Generate sufficient interest in AVP workshops to enroll 10 – 18 people per workshop.
- Work with AVPQ contacts, for example, in the justice system, to offer workshops to people at risk of violent offences or at risk of imprisonment.
- Arrange sufficient appropriate facilitators for workshops.
- Coordinate workshop bookings and payments.
- Manage pre-workshop communication with participants and facilitators.
- Book appropriate venues for the workshops.
- Purchase a bring along morning/afternoon tea supplies for each

workshop.

- Take registrations and workshop fees from participants.

### **Selection Criteria**

- Interest in working within the ethos of AVP
- Demonstrated ability to liaise with a wide range of people, such as existing and potential AVPQ facilitators, potential workshop attendees both in prisons and in the community, and community organisations and NGOs
- Demonstrated management and administration skills for workshop/event management
- High level of communication skills, both spoken and written.
- Ability to work efficiently and effectively in a self-directed and self-motivated manner.
- Demonstrated understanding of team work and within organisational policy framework
- Commitment to social justice principals.
- Computer skills, including effective use of the internet and social media.
- Completion of or willingness to complete Basic, Advanced and Training for Facilitation Workshops (unpaid).

### **Terms of Position**

The position is for one year, with three months' probation, and possible extension. The role is expected to occupy approximately 1 day (7½ hours) per fortnight (flexible). Payment is \$40 per hour against a monthly invoice.

This position is offered on a contract basis. The successful applicant will be required to provide their own office space, equipment and transport.

Closing Date for applications is Wednesday 8 February. Applications by email to [admin@avpq.org.au](mailto:admin@avpq.org.au) plus a written application mailed to AVPQ PO Box 60 Greenslopes Qld 4121.

## General News

- Go to our brand new website [www.avpq.org.au](http://www.avpq.org.au). It still needs more data, but you can search AVP in other parts of Australia and the world. There is an international AVP Conference in Nepal in early November, where 67 different countries representatives will be present.
- Like us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/avpqinc](http://www.facebook.com/avpqinc), which will enable you to contribute your thoughts on effective paths to peace in your world.
- Secretary, Valerie Joy will soon join Friends Peace Teams in Indonesia and the Philippines. Using AVP as a basis, courses will be offered on Resiliency, Developmental Play and Non-Violence, Trauma and Healing and Trauma and Discernment. Photos and news of these events will be posted in our April Newsletter.
- Make this your Newsletter- a section for your comments, ideas, experiences in peace building will be included in future Newsletters.

Very Best Wishes to you all,

*Valerie Joy*  
Secretary AVPQ

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